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Muddy torrents continue to surge past the central support of Tel Aviv's Nahalat Yitzhak bridge, which collapsed yesterday morning.

Rains shatter bridge, down cables

Jerusalem Post Staff
The Nahalat Yitzhak bridge over the Nahal Ayalon collapsed yesterday morning as driving rain lashed the entire country.
No one was injured as the raging torrent smashed the central pillar of the Tel Aviv bridge, but some injuries occurred elsewhere in the country as power lines were downed and roads were flooded.
The rains are expected to continue today, but to ease up by tomorrow.
The bridge, which serves as an important link between Tel Aviv and Givatayim, was clear of traffic when its central support column gave way. Twenty years ago the same bridge collapsed while a bus was crossing it, and several people were killed.

IDF plans Ground Forces Command

By YORAM BAR
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Israel Defense Forces will enter the 1980s stronger, more consolidated and more efficient than in the past, due to the establishment of a Ground Forces Command headed by Aluf Israel Tal, Defense Minister Ezer Weizman and Chief of Staff Rafael Eitan announced yesterday.
Military circles estimate that the Ground Forces Command will concentrate the biggest administrative change ever in the IDF. For all practical purposes, the command will cancel the separate existence of four forces — armored, paratroopers, artillery and engineering, uniting all into one command.
The new command will centralize all the ground forces' attack troops. The original proposal presented by Tal, who is returning to the army especially to head the command, also included the Signal Corps, but the chief of staff and defense minister rejected this. Medical, ordnance and logistics units will continue to function as auxiliary forces.
Weizman told a press conference that he had accepted Tal's plan, which was recommended by the chief of staff, now, primarily because of Israel's present relations with Egypt.
Weizman emphasized that the IDF will save on personnel, posts and equipment.
Weizman added that even the planners are not quite sure how the new system will operate. "We're at the beginning. We don't know how much the change will cost, how much time it will take to complete the reorganization, and how much personnel will be saved. But I'm sure that in the end, the IDF's position will be much better," he said.
In answer to questions, Eitan said that the new military redeployment resembles a model presently serving the German army, and the way the U.S. army was organized a few years ago. Weizman confirmed, in answering another question, that Tal visited armies all over the Western world before he submitted his plan.



Tal (IDF Spokesman)

NEWS ANALYSIS/ Hirsh Goodman

Tal back in uniform, may succeed Eitan

Aluf Israel Tal, the "mind" behind the proposals to give the Israel Defense Forces their first organizational overhaul since 1962, has agreed to re-enlist after almost six years out of uniform, to see his "brainchild" through to fruition. (See story above.)
Tal, 56, served as deputy chief of staff under Rav-Aluf David Elazar before, during and after the 1973 Yom Kippur war. He left the IDF when he was informed that he had been passed over for the military's top post. Now, according to observers, he has a fairly good chance of succeeding Chief of Staff Rafael Eitan.
As commanding officer of the Ground Force Command — expected to become a fully operational unit by March 1980 — Tal will be second only to Eitan in authority.

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Shah may secretly leave for Mexico

NEW YORK. — The deposed shah of Iran is well enough to leave the U.S. and return to his temporary residence in Mexico at any time, informed sources said here yesterday.
The sources at the New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Centre, where the shah is recovering from treatment for cancer and the removal of a gallstone, said he may secretly leave during the night.
A Mexican-registered cargo plane was reported to leave Kennedy International airport last night — and there has been tense speculation that it was carrying the shah and his wife, the Empress Farah.
But in Teheran, militant students occupying the U.S. embassy declared last night they would put their American hostages on trial for espionage sooner than planned if the shah left the U.S. for any destination other than Iran.
"The Boston Globe" yesterday said the shah is more seriously ill with cancer than previously believed. The paper quoted an unnamed cancer specialist who has had access to the shah's case as saying: "As it is, I don't think anybody could cure him no matter what they do."
The State Department said yesterday that 50 American hostages are now being held. The new figure includes one private businessman and 49 State Department employees.
The 50th hostage was confirmed for the first time by the department in a petition to the World Court asking that the court secure the release of all the Americans.
The international crisis entered its 28th day as a congressman said that President Jimmy Carter should take more aggressive action for the release of the hostages and take military action if that deadline is not met.
A resolution introduced by Rep. Samuel Stratton (Democrat-New York) and 53 others called for "selected, deliberate, sustained and increasingly severe military operations" against Iran if the hostages are not released by the deadline.
At his own news conference Wednesday night, Carter rejected the idea of setting a deadline, at least for the time being. (Story — page 41)
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Compromise on abortions now seems highly unlikely

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Prospects for the attempted compromise to insure passage of the abortion amendment appeared very dim last night as even the moderate Agudat Yisrael Rabbi Eliezer Shach rejected it categorically.
This, according to Agudat Yisrael pundits, indicates that the more conservative Gerer rebbe has already decided against the proposal.
The compromise was suggested by the National Religious Party's MK David Glass, who agreed with Agudat Yisrael that the controversial Section 5 of the Abortions Law, which permits abortions for social reasons, ought to be scrapped.
But to placate Liberal opponents of amending the law, he proposed to expand Section 4, which allows abortions in cases in which the mother's physical or psychological well-being is threatened by the pregnancy.
The Liberals decided last night to force their MKs to vote with the government on the amendment. (Story page 2.)
According to Glass' revision, that clause would be expanded to recognize harsh family or social conditions.
The four Aguda MKs were not displeased with the compromise idea and some of the amendment's staunchest opponents within the coalition said the compromise might induce them to support the amendment.
However, the final word in Aguda rests with the party's Council of Torah Sages. In effect, the decision rests chiefly in the hands of the council's two powerful rabbis — Eliezer Shach of the Ponevezh-Yeshiva and the Gerer rebbe.
The fact that Shach has already come down against the compromise indicates that the Gerer rebbe could not support it.
According to some of the rebbe's followers, he is determined to take the Aguda out of the coalition and the abortion issue is merely his tool. He will therefore not be placated by anything less than the adoption of the amendment as it now stands.
The sources explained that the rebbe would like to see the Aguda continue to support the government from the opposition benches, and that a walkout would not mean an Aguda attempt to topple the government.

Sadat hits Israel on W. Bank

CAIRO (UPI). — President Anwar Sadat said yesterday Israel's policies in the territories were damaging the new-born confidence between Arabs and Jews, and pledged Egypt would not soften its demands for Palestinian self-determination and the "liberation" of Jerusalem.
Sadat singled out for criticism the establishment of Israeli settlements in the West Bank and the planned expulsion of Bassam Shak'a, the mayor of Nablus.
Sadat's declarations came in a message which one of his top aides, Hassan Kamel, read at a ceremony marking the "international day for solidarity with the Palestinian people," held at the former headquarters of the Arab League.
"We consider the measures taken by Israel against the Palestinian people in the occupied territories, including the establishment of settlements, the appropriation of Arab land and the expulsion of the selected mayor of the West Bank, as measures which do not contribute to the creation of an atmosphere of confidence," Sadat declared.
He said Egypt's "unchanging position calls for granting the Palestinian people the right of self-determination. Moreover, Israel should be committed to the principle of negotiating with the representatives of the Palestinian people who, alone, have the final word regarding their national objectives." Sadat did not specify these "representatives."

Crime lord, girlfriend slain in bed

By YORAM BAR
Jerusalem Post Reporter
NETANYA. — The reputed boss of the local underworld and his 19-year-old pregnant girlfriend were murdered yesterday morning in their sleep by a hired hit man from an Uzi sub-machinegun.
The bodies of Menahem Dayan, 30, and Bela Turgezen were discovered over five hours after they were murdered. A relative of Dayan who lives nearby found the bodies at 11 a.m. yesterday.
Dayan was called "the president" of the Netanyahu underworld. Five years ago he faced a murder charge in Netanyahu, but was acquitted for lack of evidence after being detained for a year.
When he was released from custody, Dayan attacked two witnesses who had testified against him in court and cut their faces with a broken bottle and knife. He was sentenced to five years in prison for that, but was released eight months ago after serving two-thirds of the time.
"Dayan's control over the underworld here was complete," a senior officer told The Jerusalem Post. The officer said that Dayan never paid in restaurants or nightclubs and that ordinary citizens and tough criminals alike trembled at the sight of him.
When his girlfriend became pregnant, Dayan reportedly told friends and relatives that he would renovate a little house given to him by his father, and he began for the first time in his life to hold down a job.
A source in the Sharon police sub-district said yesterday he believed that the killer chose to murder Dayan yesterday because the wind and the rain would prevent neighbours from hearing the shots.
A special investigation team headed by Inspector Haim Hadad began working on the case yesterday at noon. The investigators found that the bullets, three of which hit Dayan and six of which hit Turgezen, were fired through a smashed window.

'Don't tread on me,' Hurvitz warns unions

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Finance Minister Yigael Hurvitz warned the Histadrut yesterday that if it is "looking for a fight," he is ready to hit it back where the labour federation is most "vulnerable."
Addressing the National Religious Party Executive, Hurvitz accused the Histadrut of "not having the best interests of the workers or the economy in mind. Its one aim is to topple the government, regardless of the consequences to the country and the national economy."
He continued: "The Histadrut thinks this government has a soft underbelly. Maybe, but I know that the Histadrut has a few soft spots of its own. I know exactly where the Histadrut is vulnerable. If it wants a fight, it has found the wrong person to start up with. I am just as strong as the Histadrut."
Observers pointed out that various Histadrut enterprises receive financial support from the state, especially by the General Sick Fund (Kupat Holim Klatit), 22 per cent of whose 1978/79 budget was covered by the government.
Histadrut spokesman Shmuel Soler said last night that the government "is not doing us any favour" by contributing to the sick fund's budget. If it stops giving medical services, the government itself will have to provide them; and it is incapable of doing so, he said.
Soler also rejected Hurvitz's claim that the Histadrut is bent on toppling the Likud government.
Hurvitz told his NRP hosts: "The Histadrut knows very well that there is no choice but to cut down on subsidies, as we have done, and to take the other measures we have announced. Its leaders know very well that a Labour finance minister — if

Hurvitz: Manpower cuts to trim IL20b. off budget

By DAVID KRIVINE
Post Economic Correspondent
Next year's budget will be an estimated IL20b. smaller, at present prices, than this one, Finance Minister Yigael Hurvitz told The Jerusalem Post yesterday. "Our main cut is in manpower. All departments will be affected, including defence, though we have to discuss each case on its merits," he said in an interview.
Hurvitz favours settlement in the administered areas, but the provision of dwellings there comes under the housing budget — and he has no plans to increase that.
He pooh-poohs talk about billions of pounds for the West Bank. "The figure of IL150b. has been conjured out of thin air. What isy is that the housing plan applies to the whole country, Judea and Samaria are part of the country, so they are on the housing map, that's all."
The production sector is short of between 30,000 and 40,000 workers. The shortage has to be made up, at the expense of the public sector. The plan is not a wholesale dismissal of civil servants, but a freeze of new recruitment.
Departments needing more staff, such as the tax office, will have to draw on personnel in other departments made redundant by the budget cuts.
"Wages will be frozen at their present real level" — in El Al too, he added at our prompting.
Suppose Ezer Weizman manages to

Eilon Moreh leaders consult Rabbi Kook

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Eilon Moreh leaders met last night with Cush Eranim's spiritual leader, Rabbi Zvi Yehuda Kook, to discuss their settlement's future.
The meeting, another in a series of consultations with the rabbi, began early in the evening and was interrupted at 10 p.m. for the Ma'or (evening prayer) service. The talks resumed afterwards. No details were available at press time.

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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Prime Minister Menahem Begin yesterday received Dr. Frank Bawe, director-general of the roof organization of associations for disabled persons in the U.S.

Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i will speak at the Haifa Maritime and Economics Club, Zion Hotel, today at 1 p.m.

An Oneg Shabbat in English will be held at 8:30 tonight at Hechal Shlomo in Jerusalem, sponsored by the Government Information Centre and the Association of Immigrant Rabbis from Western Countries.

An Oneg Shabbat will be held at 9 tonight at Ihud Shivat Zion, 86 Rehov Ben Yehuda, Tel Aviv.

Supreme Court Justice Menahem Elon will speak on "Jewish Law within the Israeli Legal System" before the Motza Religious Students Group at Beit Meir, next to Hechal Shlomo, on Sunday, December 1, at 7:30 p.m.

A special arts and crafts fair, featuring jewelry, artwork and handicrafts, will be held on Saturday night, December 1, from 8.30, and all day Sunday, at the American Mirasht Women's Tourist Centre, Keren Hayesod, Jerusalem.

Man killed by train Jerusalem Post Reporter HAIFA. — An 80-year-old man was killed yesterday afternoon when he was run over by a train in Haifa Port. Police are investigating.

Diamond plant robbed TEL AVIV (Iim). — Two masked, armed bandits yesterday evening entered Yitzhak Mordo's diamond-polishing plant at 114 Rehov Herzl here, tied up Mordo and the one worker who was present, and made off with tens of thousands of pounds worth of diamonds and an unspecified amount of cash.

PATIS. — The IL2m winner in this week's Mifal Hapais lottery was ticket number 258466. Numbers 621840 and 027707 won IL100,000.

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HOME NEWS

Shak'a stops fasting, awaits c'tee decision

By IAN BLACK Jerusalem Post Reporter Nablus Mayor Bassam Shak'a yesterday ended a fortnight-long hunger strike in Ramle Prison as he awaited the outcome of his appeal before a military government advisory committee against his threatened banishment.

The advisory committee completed a nine-hour session at 1.40 a.m. yesterday and is expected to submit its recommendations to Judea and Samaria commander Tat-Aluf Binjamin Ben-Eliezer by Monday morning.

The committee heard arguments for and against expulsion by the mayor's attorney, Felicia Langer, and by the chief military prosecutor, Sgan-Aluf Amnon Strassov, but it reached no decision.

The Jerusalem Post has learnt that the panel is likely to convene again on Sunday to make its decision, which will be transmitted, via General Ben-Eliezer and Defence Minister Ezer Weizman, to the government.

It thus appeared unlikely last night that the cabinet would discuss the banishment question at its weekly meeting on Sunday.

No details were available on what was said before the three-man advisory committee, as proceedings are secret. But Kof Yisrael reported yesterday that Shak'a had declared he is opposed to terror, one of the subjects discussed in the conversation with Aluf Daot Matt that prompted the government to seek his expulsion.

On the basis of previous conversations with both parties, it is likely that the military presented evidence of Shak'a's political activities, en-

couraging opposition to Israeli rule, and that Langer argued that the authorities were seeking excuses to banish her client.

Shak'a ended his 14-day hunger strike early yesterday morning with a glass of milk after doctors warned him of a dangerous drop in the amount of sugar in his blood and said they would have to feed him intravenously.

The 46-year-old mayor, who has been imprisoned in Ramle since November 11, was asked repeatedly by fellow-mayors, family and his lawyer to end his protest. His wife began a hunger strike six days ago but also ended it yesterday.

Langer said that she was continuing to prepare her case in the event that it is necessary to go back to the High Court of Justice to appeal against confirmation of the expulsion decision.

The East Jerusalem weekly "A-Tsila," edited by West Bank communist leader Bashir Barghouti, yesterday attacked Shell MK Uri Avnery for his "cheap brokerage" in attempting to have Langer replaced by Shell lawyer Amnon Zichroni, who was involved in the Elion Moreh case.

Driving rain kept the West Bank mostly free of disturbances yesterday, although there was a general strike in both areas if their colleagues in Kalkilya, which were dispersed by security forces. One pupil was detained.

West Bank and Gaza Strip mayors, who resigned en masse two weeks ago in protest against Shak'a's arrest and planned expulsion, have said that there will be a general strike in both areas if their colleague from Nablus is banished.

Court must rule on name 'Palestine'

By IAN BLACK Jerusalem Post Reporter The Jerusalem District Court was yesterday asked to permit an Arah company to use the name "Palestine Press Services."

The owners began legal proceedings after the registrar of companies refused to register the company under the name on the grounds that it has been chosen for "improper reasons" and is designed "to offend the public."

Attorney Yosef Arnon argued before the court that his clients, Raymond Tawil of Ramallah and Ibrahim Karara of Jerusalem, should be permitted to use this name as there are some 20 Israel firms which during the British Mandate used the name "Palestine."

The Jerusalem Post, (The company was established in 1932 and did not change its name when the paper became The Jerusalem Post in 1950.)

The firm has already published material — mostly translations from Hebrew to Arabic — bearing the imprint Palestine Press Services. And a sign displaying the name has long hung outside its offices on East Jerusalem's Salah e-Din Street.

Arnon also argued that the word "Palestinian" is included in the Camp David accords, to which Israel is a signatory.

Possible solution reached in Ramot road controversy

By ROBERT ROSENBERG Jerusalem Post Reporter A possible compromise solution to the Ramot road controversy awaits the approval of a rabbinical court, after residents of the Jerusalem suburb yesterday accepted a proposal that would make the new road one-way on Shabbat.

The rabbinical court of the Eda Haredit cannot meet until Sunday because the court's chief rabbi is out of the city.

Late last night, Ramot neighbourhood council spokesman Yossi Yedid said he was awaiting a call verifying a meeting with residents of Kiryat Zanz, the Eda Haredit stronghold that overlooks the road. He said the meeting expected for late last night would "hopefully, once and for all, put an end to this matter which is so painful for both religious and secular Jews."

residents. Because Burg's proposal called for Ramot drivers to use it, it was rejected by those residents.

A spokesman for the Natural Karita, the extreme religious zealot community that has propelled the Ramot road issue into headlines for some 66 weeks, said their Rabbi Uri Blau would lead his followers to the road tomorrow.

According to city officials, the entire four lanes of the road will remain open until the bypass is complete, which one source said could take until the end of spring. The city wants the government to pay for both the terraced wall and the bypass. (Burg's proposal also called for a wall to shield one lane of the road from Kiryat Zanz.)

The reported breakthrough came after a week of feverish activity in the Interior Ministry that included several meetings with city officials and religious leaders and pressure from Agudat Yisrael for a solution to the problem.

TA Maccabi downs Greeks

Post Sports Reporter TEL AVIV. — Mickey Berkowitz, playing inspired basketball, last night led Tel Aviv Maccabi to a 111-78 victory over Aris of Salonika. Tel Aviv Maccabi now enters the final six of the European Cup for Champions, which starts on December 13.

scored 22 points and Silver 20 points. All the Maccabi squad played a fast and accurate game, bringing the thousands of fans at Yad Ellahu to their feet repeatedly.

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Court house clerks to start partial strike

Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — The courthouses clerks' works committee has decided to launch a partial strike on Sunday, which will probably cause obstructions in the country's judicial system.

Gaon not in oil deal

Philanthropist Nessim Gaon is not a partner in the company that will act as a middleman in the sale of Egyptian oil to Israel, Gaon's personal representative in Israel told The Jerusalem Post last night.

SHAH MAY LEAVE

(Continued from page 1) In a rare joint statement, the national chairmen of both major U.S. political parties yesterday expressed support for President Carter's efforts to get safe release of the hostages.

U.S. group here to sing for IDF

With guitars, flutes, trumpets, drums and even a portable organ, the 15-strong International Singers have come from Denver, Colorado to sing for the Israel Defence Forces.



Pupils on their way home from school yesterday enjoy testing out their winter boots on Jerusalem's Rehov Hapalimah. (Rahamim Israeli)

Liberals require their MKs to vote for anti-abortion bill

By SARAH HONG Post Political Reporter TEL AVIV. — The Liberal Party Central Committee dropped a bombshell yesterday as it passed a resolution obliging all Liberal MKs to support the controversial amendment to the Abortions Law.

Minister without Portfolio, Moshe Nisim were both putting their weight behind the move.

This could conceivably mean a radical improvement in the prospects of the amendment and assure its adoption in the Knesset next week, thereby safeguarding the government's stability.

The agenda was changed, and a motion by Likud whip Grupper was approved after the committee first defeated a watered-down compromise motion by Deputy Prime Minister Simha Ehrlich. That version would have left the door open for some MKs to abstain.

Very dull proceedings had been expected at the Liberal Central Committee last night, with the agenda devoted to picking a date for the upcoming party convention.

After the vote, Ehrlich said, "All Liberal MKs must obey the law laid down by the Central Committee. I trust that all will accept the will of the majority and do so, otherwise they will be brought before a party disciplinary court."

Armed as he was with a coalition dependent on the goodwill of the Democratic Movement, where a cheerful situation exists in which one defection follows another," he continued. "If Aguda goes, this government would not survive for more than a month. We must ask ourselves if we want it to fall because of this sort of an issue," he warned.

MK Avraham Katz said he was willing to face the consequences, and even return his mandate to the party, but he "will not vote for the amendment." He is expected to abstain or absent himself.

Very dull proceedings had been expected at the Liberal Central Committee last night, with the agenda devoted to picking a date for the upcoming party convention. When one of the members suggested that all Liberal MKs must be required to vote with the government on the abortions amendment, uproar broke out. It soon emerged that Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i and

Minister without Portfolio, Moshe Nisim were both putting their weight behind the move. The agenda was changed, and a motion by Likud whip Grupper was approved after the committee first defeated a watered-down compromise motion by Deputy Prime Minister Simha Ehrlich. That version would have left the door open for some MKs to abstain. Jewish Agency Executive chairman Arye Dulin, MK Yeheskel Flomin and former MK Yedidya Be'eri urged freedom for the party's MKs in the upcoming vote.

Shavit cuts El Al fringe benefits

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — The entire El Al staff was stunned yesterday when the airline's board chairman, Avraham Shavit, announced the cancellation of a number of fringe benefits enjoyed for many years by El Al workers.

El Al's air crews, the only group to have cut-rate air tickets specified in its work contract, informed the board of directors yesterday that they are willing to give up these benefits.

El Al personnel will no longer fly cargo at reduced fares or receive reduced-price air tickets for relatives, except children and spouses. Parents will get cut-rate tickets "under certain circumstances."

El Al's ground staff committee members were too shocked to comment on the new measures. This Hatardat is expected to debate today the ground staff committee's request to declare a labour dispute.

Reb ABA BORNSTEIN

Member of the Executive of the World Miraschi-Hapoel, Hamizrachi Organization Member of the Zionist General Council and past Chairman of the British Miraschi Movement. The funeral will leave today, Friday, November 30, 1979 (Kislev 10, 5740) at 10 a.m. from the Sanhedria Funeral Parlour for the Mount of Olives.

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With guitars, flutes, trumpets, drums and even a portable organ, the 15-strong International Singers have come from Denver, Colorado to sing for the Israel Defence Forces. The group, members of the Faith Ethic Chapel, all paid their own way. Under the leadership of their pastor and his wife, Bob and Carol Holly, they rehearsed for four months, learning the Hebrew words to Israeli songs.

Hurvitz to ask cabinet for IL100b. added budget

By SHELOMO OZ Post Economic Reporter Following a "real money" cut of 5-10 per cent in the state budget for the current fiscal year, Finance Minister Yigael Hurvitz is to submit a "dummy money" supplementary budget of about IL100 billion for cabinet approval on Sunday. This will raise the current budget to IL230b.

purchase programme. The finance Ministry is considering, among other measures: • permitting sabbatical funds to be spent only in Israel; • restoring export incentives, which were abolished two years ago; • taxing child allowances; • abolishing most income tax deductions, though not raising the rates; • reinstating the foreign-travel tax.

In spite of the above-mentioned cut, the state may not be able to meet this budget, either, if inflation continues at its present pace through next March.

Bank managements have been cautioned not to grant loans to local authorities, and have been told that the government will not guarantee these loans and will not help cities that go bankrupt.

The additional budget will be considered by the economic cabinet after discussions with a number of ministries, especially defence, with whose leadership another of a series of meetings is scheduled for this morning. The Defence Ministry is understood already to have agreed to considerable cuts in its overseas

The Finance Ministry is considering merging the collection of income and property taxes and National Insurance premiums, to cut down on manpower.

Poultry farmers warn they will become 'welfare cases'

By SHELOMO MAOZ Post Economic Reporter The livelihood of 1,700 moshav families is threatened by the black market in eggs which accounts for approximately a quarter of the 1.5 billion eggs produced annually in Israel, representatives of 42 moshavim in the Jerusalem area said yesterday.

According to the spokesmen, the average moshavnik's debt is around IL300,000, mostly due to heavy capital investments in the poultry branch in recent years. But now, with credit tighter and more expensive, the farmers in the hill country are in a bind. They have fewer alternative sources of livelihood since poultry farming is the mainstay of moshavim in the hill areas.

The spokesmen, Daniel Yohanan and Azriel Zadok, told economic reporters that the "unorganized marketing" was done by many moshav members themselves. Eggs sold on the black market fetch up to IL3 a piece, as opposed to the official wholesale price of IL1.60. The reason for the black market is simple, the spokesmen said: it costs the poultry farmer IL2.40 to produce each egg. A similar situation exists in the

marketing of meat birds, they added. If the situation fails to improve, the spokesmen warned, many moshav members will become welfare cases, or be forced to seek employment in regional cooperative slaughterhouses, batcheries and packing houses. This will displace hired workers, half of whom are Arabs.

Begin decries 'fanaticism' in Iran

Jerusalem Post Reporter Prime Minister Menahem Begin told a gathering of Christian supporters of Israel last night that the same fanaticism that motivates the mobs in Teheran to break every rule of civilization impels the "so-called Palestinian revolution."

danians desecrated the Mount of Olives, destroyed synagogues, and kept Jews from praying at the Western Wall, with the present situation in which all faiths are free to pray at their holy sites. Some 400 evangelical delegates to the congress from all over the world are due to ascend Mt. Zion today to declare their commitment to an undivided Jerusalem.

RAINS SHATTER BRIDGE

(Continued from page 1) poration spokesman Yossi Kidron told The Post yesterday that severe damage had been done to the national grid. Several power cuts occurred in the coastal area which lasted up to 38 hours, and in Haifa two transformers were "bit by lightning" and burned out.

telephone calls from citizens worried about electricity poles that were swaying in the wind. But no neighbourhood blackouts were reported by yesterday evening. In the Old City's Moslem Quarter, a house evacuated by its owners on Friday two weeks ago, because of its dangerous condition, collapsed under the tons of water that had gathered on the roof. Police said it was "a miracle the rain happened now, and not before they moved out."

Elsewhere in the city, some 25 houses and an elementary school were reported flooded. The school will be open today, officials said. The Agriculture Ministry, meanwhile, says the rain has saved the wheat crop. Had the rain come a couple of days later, some of the fields would have been a total loss, and others would have had to be replowed, an official said.

Beersheba police announced last night that roads to Yeroham, Dimona and to the western Negev, as well as routes from Ein Gedi to Mitzpe Shalem and from Ein Gedi to Arad were flooded and awash with mud and boulders. Two buses were stranded on the Masada-Ein Gedi road for several hours yesterday, they added.

Margalit Riseman, duty meteorologist, told The Post yesterday that there will be rain today, but that by tomorrow the rain will stop and it will be only cloudy.

During the 24 hours ending at 8 p.m. yesterday, Jerusalem had received 24 mm. of rain, Tel Aviv 26, Beer Sheva 27, Haifa 27, Tiberias 25, Safed 28 and Beersheba 16. Even Eliat had a few drops.

A police spokesman blamed some 50 to 60 traffic accidents on the weather. The high winds knocked down trees, and flying debris proved hazardous to drivers. Poor visibility because of the rain, which dumped over 100 mm. on the city, added to the traffic woes, but all injuries were described as minor.

Police said they got hundreds of

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HOME NEWS

State papers released after 3 decades 'Arabs were fleeing before Deir Yassin'

By BENNY MORRIS, Jerusalem Post Reporter

Arabs were already fleeing Jaffa, Haifa and the Sharon in December, 1947 — long before the Irgun Zva'ei Leumi (Etzel) attack on Deir Yassin and the Hagana's switch to the offensive.

This assertion, which undercuts conventional views concerning the roots of the Arab refugee problem, is contained in a letter by David Ben-Gurion written on December 14, 1947, included in a 40-page booklet of state papers released yesterday.

The booklet offers what its editors, historians of the state archivist's bureau, call "a sample" of tens of thousands of official documents covering the period December 1947 through December 1949, which are to be made public over a period in compliance with the 30-year rule.

About 500 major documents, "or something under 1 per cent of those on deposit in the state archives," will appear next week in a massive, blue-bound volume reminiscent of Britain's Foreign Office documents series.

Dr. Avraham Alsheikh, the state archivist, announced at a press conference in Jerusalem yesterday. In his letter of December 14, Ben-Gurion writes to Moshe Shertok (Sharett), chairman of the Jewish Agency's political department who headed the agency's delegation at the United Nations, that Haj Amin el-Husseini, the Jerusalem mufti, was in control of the streets but that "the peasant masses have not yet joined the rioting, and have no wish to do so."

However, he wrote, "the clashes in the cities... coupled with the incitement in the Arab press and the Etzel's provocations may yet drag them in."

Ben-Gurion added comfortingly that Arab Haifa and Jaffa were "dependent upon our good will. We can easily starve them. Their motor transport... also depends on our good will."

He then went on to report the flight of Arabs from Jaffa and Haifa, and of Beduin from the Sharon, to Shoebem (Nabius) Nazareth and Jenin.

Analyzing the state of the country's Arabs a fortnight later (December 31), Hagana intelligence expert Ezer Weizman wrote to Jewish Agency Executive member Elisha Sasson: "I believe that the bulk of the (Arab) masses have resigned themselves to partition as a fait accompli. They do not believe it possible to overcome (partition) ... they regard the Jews as an aggressive

force... (and) greatly fear them... If no regular (Arab) army appears on the scene, the struggle of Eretz Yisrael's Arabs will fade away."

Danin feared that Transjordan's King Abdullah would comply with the Arab League's design, which called for the (Hashemite) Arab Legion's conquest of all of Western Palestine followed by the award of autonomy to a small Jewish zone. Danin recommended that Abdullah be warned that he would be greatly weakened by a struggle with the Jews and would be unable to realize his own "Greater Syria" ambitions.

Danin suggested that Abdullah be invited to conquer the lands earmarked for the Palestine Arab state in the partition scheme — "with our assistance."

On December 4, 1947, five days after the UN General Assembly voted to partition Western Palestine into a Jewish state and an Arab one, Ben-Gurion wrote to "the members of the Agricultural Centre" calling for immediate "doubling, tripling — to the limit of (our) capacity" of Jewish settlement in the Etzion Bloc, Western Galilee and the Negev.

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In view of Soviet support for the Zionist cause, Jewish officials were at least equally unwilling to ruffle Soviet sensibilities. Arthur Louis, head of the Jewish Agency's New York office, wrote to Josef Fisher, secretary-general of the Union Sioniste Francaise, on January 5, 1948, about the latter's plea that the Jewish Agency intercede on behalf of Lithuania, which had been ceded by the Soviets to Siberia.

"I regret to say that we feel there is no possibility at this point of taking any useful initiative... The matter is one of extreme delicacy... in the light of larger issues at present at stake."

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Moshe Billig, owner of a pharmacy at 26 Eshov Hiskiyahh Hamelech in Katamon, Jerusalem, describes to photographer Rahamin Israel last night how a few minutes previously two masked men, armed with a pistol, held him up. They took the contents of his cash register, totalling some IL2,000. Two weeks earlier, an elderly man residing in the same building was also robbed.

UN didn't give us state, Begin says on Partition Day

By BENNY MORRIS, Jerusalem Post Reporter

"The United Nations did not give us our independence," Prime Minister Menachem Begin said last night. "We had to win it in the War of Liberation and maintain it against repeated aggression — from November 30, 1947, through the invasion when the British Mandate ended, through all the murderous attacks on men, women and children, through the five wars that the Arab states waged against us."

Begin said this in a telephone interview with the organizers of an assembly in Jerusalem, sponsored by the Israel-Belgium Friendship Society, to mark the 30th anniversary of the UN partition resolution calling for the establishment of a Jewish state in part of Western Palestine.

"The aggressors themselves," Begin said, "nullified the decision calling for the establishment of a Palestinian Arab state, not only by virtue of their failure to recognize the Jewish state... but also by repeated acts of war and by the illegal conquest and occupation of parts of Eretz Yisrael."

In reply to another question, Begin said that the Israel-Egyptian peace treaty "is becoming a part of the national life" of both countries. It exists "not merely between the two governments that signed it, but also between the peoples themselves."

Charred body of murdered man found

By YORAM BAK, Jerusalem Post Reporter

BAT YAM. — Police are investigating the murder of an as-yet-unknown man whose charred body was found in a crate outside a local junk warehouse.

The warehouse owner, Binyamin Seidi, discovered the burning crate in the back yard of his warehouse. He tried to put out the fire himself, but failed and then called the police. Investigators said the killers apparently bashed the victim's skull and then put his body in the crate to burn it, to prevent identification.

A senior Jaffa police officer told The Jerusalem Post the murder was probably connected to a feud among drug dealers. "A number of people involved in such disputes in the Tel Aviv area have recently disappeared," he said, "but we haven't ruled out other possibilities."

Police say the victim was not older than 30 but confirm that it will be difficult to identify him, since the bones were charred by the fire.

Explosion mistaken for thunderclap

By YORAM BAK, Jerusalem Post Reporter

An explosive device went off under a car parked on Jerusalem's Hebron Road on Wednesday night, but the damage was not discovered until the following morning. Area residents thought the explosion was thunder.

Two automobiles were damaged in the blast, but there were no injuries. Police have determined that the bomb was planted by terrorists and are investigating. (14m)

TAXES. — A programme designed to turn pupils into honest taxpayers when they grow up is being developed by the Education Ministry and the State Revenue Administration for the country's schools.

Egyptian student addresses HU rally

By BENNY MORRIS, Jerusalem Post Reporter

Some 250 foreign students attending the Hebrew University yesterday held a rally of sympathy with the U.S. hostages in Teheran, and heard Egyptian student Kameel Abdul Malik decry the use of Iranian students as "proxies" for the Iranian government's policies.

Malik, the first Egyptian student to attend university in Israel, told the students who gathered in Wise Auditorium at Givat Ram that "as international students we should be proud that we stand united... against war, destruction and world terrorism."

While a majority of those who attended were American students studying in the overseas school programme, other foreign students, as well as Israelis took part.

"We should protest because students are being used as proxies for the policies of the Iranian government," Malik declared. Malik is the first Egyptian to study at the university in over 30 years.

Gas drillers give up near Ramallah

By BENNY MORRIS, Jerusalem Post Reporter

The search for natural gas on a rocky hillside east of Ramallah was abandoned on Wednesday because of "technical difficulties," an Energy Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

The drill-pipe, boring a hole 15 centimetres in diameter at high speeds, stuck in a saline rock stratum at a depth of 1,350 metres. Foreign experts and crew drill-pipes, brought in last week after a previous suspension of operations a month ago, proved unavailing.

"This happens quite often in deep drilling," said Ami Ben-Bassat, an adviser to Energy Minister Moda'i. He said he hoped that oil and gas would yet be found in Israel, "perhaps in the Dead Sea bed or offshore along the Mediterranean coastline."

The failed drilling venture, begun several months ago, reportedly cost the state IL2.5m.

'Freezing everything' will stop inflation

By YITZHAK OKED, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Inflation can be stopped if the government freezes everything for several months. This includes wages, taxes, the exchange rate of the dollar and prices of all commodities, Mark Mosevics, board chairman of the Elite firm, yesterday told participants of a study day on price control in the food industry.

Mosevics emphasized that he was against a voluntary package deal as in 1970 when he was president of the Manufacturers Association. He said he favoured legislation that would require all sides — the government, manufacturers and the Histadrut — to sit together and work out a programme to revive the economy. Mosevics warned that, for this plan to succeed, politics must be left out.

Lira drops to three U.S. cents; IL10 coin will be minted

By SHLOMO MAOZ, Post Economic Reporter

With the value of the pound down from over five U.S. cents at the beginning of the year to nearly three cents yesterday — a drop of 72.4 per cent — the Bank of Israel intends to mint a new set of coins including a IL10 piece and possibly also one of IL50.

The dollar cost the public a little over IL33.10 yesterday, and is expected to cost IL33.33 today, or exactly IL1 for three cents.

Studies and tests are being conducted to see which metal, what kind of marking and which denominational markings are likely to last the longest, in view of the present rate of inflation.

Since the one-agma piece has fallen into disuse — and costs more than eight agorot to produce — the bank has decided to stop coining it. However, since the law requires that it be available, the bank will continue to supply it to those requesting it.

Hurvitz's economic reforms blocked politically — Razin

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER, Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Prof. Assaf Razin, the dismissed director of the Treasury's Economic Planning Authority, doubts that Finance Minister Yigael Hurvitz's political position will enable him to carry out the economic reforms that the country needs.

Razin said that Hurvitz is aware of what must be done, but the circumstances of his appointment and the constraints on him in the government "will not permit him to do it."

Razin was the lecturer on Wednesday night at a memorial meeting for Dr. Yohanan Conmy, 1973 Yom Kippur War casualty, at the Technion's Industrial and Management Engineering Faculty. He was fired from the Treasury post by the cabinet after repeated criticism of the government's economic policy and of Premier Menachem Begin.

Razin, a Tel Aviv University economics professor, says Hurvitz's new economic measures favour some groups, while coming down hard on the poorest. If instead of slashing the subsidies on essentials, Hurvitz had raised VAT by 3 per cent, the same economic results would have been achieved, but the social impact would have been more favourable, because VAT mostly affects the rich and the subsidies help the poor, said Razin.

Razin cited Hurvitz's political dependence on the National Religious Party, which, according to

To improve the balance of payments, Razin proposed that the Bank of Israel keep its hands off the foreign currency market and let the dollar find its own, natural level. He also objected to the bank's intervention on the linked bond market.

Razin was convinced that for a transitional period, higher unemployment, the collapse of many businesses connected with the public sector and a stagnation of economic growth were inevitable. The government could reduce the damage by granting incentives to people leaving the public service for productive work, he stated.

The lecturer warned that if the new economic leadership did not advance in the right direction, the public would conclude that only a change of government could prevent economic, social and political crisis.

BASKETBALL. — Merelbeke of Belgium qualified Wednesday night in Ghent for the quarter finals of the European women's Ronchetti basketball cup, defeating Haifa Hapoel 53-46 (28-23) in the second leg of the present round.

English soccer coach invited here next week to discuss job

By PAUL KOHN, Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Football Association chairman Michael Aspin last night invited English soccer coach John ("Jack") Mantell to fly here early next week to discuss the possibility of his coaching the Israel soccer team.

The manager of England's national side, Ron Greenwood, yesterday strongly recommended Mantell for the Israeli post.

The 52-year-old English coach expressed readiness to take over the national team immediately if terms can be agreed upon.

The FA is urgently seeking a coach to replace Emanuel Shefer and to prepare the team for the World Cup qualifying games which start next March against Northern Ireland.

In an interview last night, Greenwood said of Mantell, "He is a first-class coach, and any side he's been in charge of has played very good football. He has the same football philosophy as myself," added Greenwood, who has had outstanding success in rebuilding the English national side.

Mantell has coached in England, the U.S., Holland and Bahrain. Signing a foreign coach, however, is still strongly opposed by some of the Hapoel leadership. Hapoel boss Yitzhak Otek objects to the cost. Alzohar, who is a Hapoel representative within the FA, argues that this would be countered by the fact that "only a foreign coach would be able to bring the crowds back to the stadium."

Among possible Israeli candidates for the job, Yosef Mirimovitch, the Petah Tikva Maccabi coach, is the front-runner. Another on the short list is Ya'acov Grundman, the Netanya Maccabi coach.

Record number of rugby games on tap

By JACK LEON, Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A total of 180 players, more than 60 per cent of them sabras, will be involved in five rugby matches tomorrow, the highest number of games to be held in one day since rugby was introduced here in 1971.

In addition to three National League fixtures, the Israel Rugby Football Union is holding the first

double-header in its new experimental youth league. Both contests are being played at the Wingate Institute, near Netanya. In a game for boys aged under-15, Ramatana "Seniors" face the Goldstein Youth Village of Jerusalem in the over-15 category.

Rounding off the card at Wingate will be a league match at 2 p.m. between the lowly Tel Aviv "B" XV and guests Yisre'el, currently heading the table with maximum points from their first four outings of the 1978/79 season.

In other league action tomorrow, joint second-placed teams Kiryat Shmuna-Upper Galilee and Ha'ogev-Nir Eilat meet at Kfar Blum, while Kiryat Blalik entertain Kfar Hanasal at the local ORT school, both games also starting at 2 p.m.

The two Hebrew University sides and Tel Aviv A and "A" are not engaged this weekend.

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El Salvador junta cuts ties with South Africa

SAN SALVADOR (AP). — El Salvador severed diplomatic relations with South Africa on Wednesday over racial policies...

relations with his country. As yet the group that seized Dunn has not been identified. None of the half dozen guerrilla groups have claimed responsibility so far.



Tight security surrounds Pope John Paul II in Ankara on Wednesday afternoon as he leaves the Ataturk mausoleum where he laid a wreath in honour of the founder of modern Turkey.

Pope urges unity with the Orthodox Church

ISTANBUL. — Calling on Catholics and Orthodox Christians to put nearly 1,000 years of estrangement behind them and to 'march together' toward full unity, Pope John Paul II met with Greek Orthodox Patriarch Dimitrios I to pursue his ecumenical quest.

The meeting with Dimitrios — only the second time since the schism 925 years ago that a pontiff has met with a patriarch — was considered the heart of John Paul's trip to Turkey, which is being regarded by the Turks merely as the visit of a head of state.

New Zealand crash probes find polar wreckage 'hellish'

WELLINGTON, New Zealand. — "Frightening and hellish," is how one of three New Zealand mountaineers who probed the wreckage of a crashed DC-10 on the slopes of Mount Erebus described conditions in the area, yesterday.

them explained: "In a 'white out,' you lose your perspective because everything around you blends into a gray whiteness. The snow in the air and on the ground blends so that no horizon is visible, and your eyes can't focus. You could be flying towards a slope or flying outside a cloud; you wouldn't know."

Carter warns Iran of 'grave consequences'

WASHINGTON. — President Jimmy Carter, declaring "we will not yield to blackmail," warned the Khomeini regime in Iran on Wednesday night that "grave consequences" will result if any of the 49 American hostages at the U.S. Embassy in Teheran is harmed.

Cartier noted that the UN Security Council issued a statement on Tuesday night calling for the release of the hostages and said he expects a formal Security Council meeting scheduled for tomorrow to take more official steps to help obtain the release of the hostages.

American hostages on November 4, but they later released 13 women and blacks. News analysts here believe that Carter is playing a waiting game in hopes things may look better after the weekend.

Hard labour for Pakistan newsman

RAWALPINDI. — Pakistani journalist Salam Ali, a correspondent of the Hongkong-based "Far Eastern Economic Review," yesterday was sentenced to one year's imprisonment at hard labour by a military tribunal.

Most of the time in a small cell with 62 criminals in Rawalpindi jail. He arrived in chains at the court yesterday where the judge passed sentence in a few minutes without explaining his judgement.

U.S. plane crashes looking for Soviet subs

PEARL HARBOUR, Hawaii (UPI). — A sophisticated U.S. Navy aircraft, possibly watching for Soviet submarines as the Kitty Hawk task group steamed toward the Arabian Sea, crashed in the central Indian Ocean on Wednesday with four naval officers aboard.

Food for Kampuchean out of reach

WASHINGTON. — Up to 700,000 people in famine-stricken Kampuchea are crowded into camps on Thailand's border in search of food, U.S. officials said yesterday.

department officials said. They added that the U.S. had reports that Vietnam, with 200,000 troops in Kampuchea, was destroying crops and mining ricefields to keep out from forces supporting the ousted Pol Pot government.

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Zimbabwe rebels say peace is at hand

LONDON (AP). — Patriotic Front leaders said yesterday that the latest deadlock in the Zimbabwe Rhodesia peace talks has been broken and a settlement is imminent.

Postal union OKs doubling stamp prices

BERNE, Switzerland (AP). — Postal services throughout the world have been given the go-ahead to raise international letter rates by as much as 100 per cent following last month's congress of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) at Rio de Janeiro.

months earlier. UPU spokesman Leonard Rubens said the increases were inevitable if the quality of international postal services was to be maintained.

Advertisement for 'Toy Fund' with text: 'Octogenarian stamp collector sends in his Toy Fund gift'. Includes an illustration of a man holding a large stack of stamps.

More protection for Kennedy after knife-wielding incident

MASON CITY, Iowa. — Additional Secret Service agents were added to Senator Edward Kennedy's protective detail on Wednesday after a knife-wielding, screaming woman was arrested in the reception room of his Senate office in Washington.

for a schizophrenic condition at McLean Hospital in Belmont, Massachusetts, and at various state hospitals in New York, New Jersey and New Hampshire, said Osgood's sister, Sally Bashaaly of Nashua, New Hampshire.



Suzanne Osgood. (AP)

Mart crisis looms over UK demand for cut in budget fees

DUBLIN. — Leaders of the nine Common Market countries met yesterday amid fears that they will not be able to avert a major crisis over Britain's demand for a drastic cut in its net payments into the community budget.

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Abba Eban, MK, reviews 'The White House Years,' the first volume of Henry Kissinger's memoirs



A zest for power

ONLY IN the first volume of his memoirs, "The White House Years," Henry Kissinger leaves his readership at Harvard to become Nixon's assistant for national security. The date is January 1969. Fifteen hundred pages four years later he is still not secretary of state and some of his other ordeals lie ahead. But he is today a man whom no future politician will be able to ignore. The war is ended, the opening to the East has begun, and there is a glow of national reconciliation that had been given impetus by the opportunity for creativity I saw. Perhaps America had found the way to merge the idealism of the Sixties with the sterner realism of the recent years. Before us, I thought, was the chance to shape events, to build a world, harnessing the hopes and dreams of the American people, and to describe Kissinger's mood in the "hopes and dreams" and the "hopes and dreams" soon to be eclipsed by the sobering events of the following years. Kissinger alone would emerge from the havoc of the Nixon administration. Looking back, he does not attempt to conceal his own yearning for power and influence. These come to him through a fertile intellect, a lucid vision of what he was going to do, a coherent view of the international system and, most important of all, a relentless assiduity in putting his talents to work. He never ceases looking for new challenges. He had written many years before: "Men become myths, not by what they know, or even by what they achieve, but by the tasks they set themselves."

American foreign policy had been traditionally empirical, scornful of ideological dogma, responsive more to reaction than to innovation. The Republic had been founded by men who did not really want America to have a foreign policy at all. One of the first secretaries of state, Thomas Jefferson, had written that the State Department should only be "sufficiently large to assure that someone would be available when someone went to lunch." America clung to its instinct for spontaneity up to and a little beyond the limits of rationality. It was only in Kissinger's boyhood, in a tormented and volcanic Germany, that America began to come to terms with a global vocation. And now, here he was in 1969, very close to the levers of power, obsessed by the contradictions between the world of thought and the world of action. "I had to learn the difference between a conclusion and a policy."

THIS INTROSPICION sounds complex at first sight, but it is not hard to define the terms on which he bases his thought and action. "Man is subject to a tragic destiny of which the likely result is

apocalyptic disaster. The hope of avoiding this does not lie in Utopian visions of a perfect peace, but in the more attainable aim of stability.

Through most of history, especially in modern times, there is an unceasing conflict between the "revolutionary" idea and the idea of "legitimacy." The revolutionaries believe in total solutions and will risk everything because their creed is the primary reality to them. The task of statesmanship is to offset the revolutionary drive, whether by persuasion or by resistance, in order to achieve stability, legitimacy, equilibrium. "The challenge of our time is whether we can deal consciously and creatively with what in previous centuries was adjusted through a series of more or less violent and frequently catastrophic upheavals."

One of the conceptual frameworks is clearly set, there remains the task of putting it to work. Kissinger's main concern is with the Soviet Union and China. According to his perception, both of them have passed beyond their revolutionary phase and can be won for a stable and legitimate international order. The way to open for détente with the Soviet Union. Détente is not the same as friendship. It is "rooted in a recognition of differences and based on the prevention of disaster."

At the same time, America has the chance of breaking the pattern of bipolarity and creating a triangular equation which can give its diplomacy a broader scope. Moscow and Peking each regard a Washington as less of a threat to itself than each is to the other. But together with a conciliatory approach to Soviet and Chinese Communism, Kissinger develops a rigorous determination to block possible Communist victories in Western Europe, Indo-China, Chile, Angola or in any other area where such a change would disrupt the international balance.

Things turn out well in Portugal and Kissinger is quite unrepentant about the downfall of Allende in Chile. "We were right in our assessment of the perils to our interests and to those of the western hemisphere from Allende's accession." One of the more sensational sentences in this book is that which states that "Cambodia is not a moral issue." In the case of Iran he finds American policy in the post-Kissinger period guilty of irresolution and sadly lacking in fidelity. "We were willing enough to have the Shah cooperate with us a friend and ally for thirty-seven years; we impress no one by condemning him now."

THESE POLICIES leave Kissinger open to the easy charge that in his dealings with foreign governments he preferred international stability to domestic justice. To emphasize stability, too, is generally said to develop into an unappealing attitude to all manifestations of popu-

lar discontent and to all movement for reform.

But it should be said in defence of Kissinger's outlook that no one has yet found a way of building world peace without separating the interests of stability from the temptations of moral judgment. Even a very great power such as the United States is unable to impose its own values on those associated with it in this quest for stability.

It can even be argued that a realistic design for world order is more compassionate than the kind of "terrors" that gave the word its originally murderous connotation. A tyrannical regime in a foreign country is an evil that can be overcome. A nuclear holocaust is irremediable. It is natural that America's attitude to another country should be influenced more by that country's international conduct than by distaste for its domestic behaviour. What comes first — the rhetorical satisfaction of intellectual protest or the ultimate morality of saving mankind from incineration?

The anguish of this suspense between the conflicting claims of values and interests runs throughout the Kissinger story and gives his career and his writings a particular sense of pathos. He would not have suffered greatly in the judgment of history if he had admitted that in some cases he carried his preference for order against justice too far. It would still be possible to conclude that in the overall balance he left the world in lesser danger of nuclear disaster and in greater hope of dissolving enmities that once seemed beyond all hope of alleviation.

The "tormented" relationship between Kissinger and the American intellectual community arises, on his

elde, from the conviction that he former colleagues did not even try to understand his predicament. In the lecture room all problems are soluble. In the arena there is no escape from the humility of being satisfied with the lesser evil. In a rare burst of passion Kissinger allows his prose to rise beyond its normal evidence into vehement polemic: "The lack of compassion, the overweening righteousness, the refusal to offer an alternative, convinced me that we would get no help from those with whom I had spent my professional life. The wounds would have to be healed after the (Indo-China) war; in the event it was not..."

HIS ACHIEVEMENTS in alleviating cold war tensions with the Soviet Union and China left him with little time or interest for those whose power and influence seemed peripheral. Some European leaders used to tell me that he regarded their country as little more than airports between Washington and Moscow.

This is an exaggerated sensitivity arising from the nostalgia of many Europeans for their mid primacy; and perhaps from their illusion that Kissinger as a European would give their continent a greater deference.

His book tells us frankly that he "gave support to Brandt's historic course without enthusiasm but not without confidence." On the other hand, he turned to the SALT negotiation where he displayed his virtuosity by a talent for detail which all those of us who have ever negotiated with him have never ceased to admire.

There are a few Middle Eastern episodes in the period covered by this book (1969-1972), but most of them have lost some of their drama under the impact of subsequent events, dating from the Yom Kippur War and the disengagement agreements and culminating in the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty. The book ends before these events occur.

No serious historian can doubt that it was Kissinger who set the peace process in motion in 1973-74 by understanding that the conflict was too deep-rooted to be solved without a gradualist, evolutionary approach and that the Arab world could not be realistically expected to accept Israel as a neighbour unless Israel became strong enough to put its own elimination beyond reach.

Kissinger was sceptical at first about the feasibility of such sweeping changes of doctrine and attitudes as that which Anwar Sadat subsequently initiated. In this book he refers to an argument with me in 1969 in which he expressed doubt whether such a notion as a "peace treaty" was really as viable as I thought it to be.

But in his pre-secretarial days he did not engage his mind very intensely in the Middle East. He thought that his Jewish origin would be a handicap. It later turned out

to be an asset, as much with Arab leaders, most of whom treated his Jewishness with respect, as with Israeli representatives who were able to elicit an unspoken intimacy with him even in conflict of opinion. History had dealt with him and with us in a special way...

TO SAY THAT Kissinger was selective in the problems that he chose to confront or ignore is the same as saying that he worked under stern discipline of priorities and, for the first four years, without the State Department at his command. There is a tendency to forget that at the end of his incumbency he had begun to explore the Third World, and that it was he in 1974 who secured the agreement of the white Rhodesian leaders, including Ian Smith, in the principle of majority rule in Zimbabwe.

This is a work painted on a wide canvas in vivid colours and nobility of style. To say that an artist can doubt its literary power. Foreign policy is the only thing that he cares about, and the personalities involved in the drama receive a deep and surprisingly good-natured scrutiny. He does not desert candour even in the delicate task of portraying the awkward man who gave him his field of action. Of Richard Nixon he writes: "What extraordinary vehicles destiny selects to accomplish its design. This man, so lonely in his hour of triumph, so ungenerous in some of his motivations, had navigated our nation through one of the most anguishing periods in its history. He was alone in his moment of triumph on a pinnacle — that was soon to turn into a precipice."

If Kissinger's fellow-citizens do not know quite what to make of him, it is because he is strangely constructed in his view of them. His America is an ideal rather than a concrete reality and he sees it exclusively in a diplomatic context. This enormous book gives us not a single glimpse of an American landscape, no fields and rivers, no smell of earth, not a single geographical reference.

Perhaps this single-mindedness, however disconcerting, explains his achievement. To say that an artist cared deeply about nothing but art is a tribute rather than a criticism. Kissinger sees diplomacy in this light. It is a discipline that exacts a rigorous sense of dedication. Writing of President Lyndon Johnson in retirement, Kissinger describes a man confronted "by the terrible truth that the only pursuit he really cared about, that of public service, was now closed to him."

No similar fate seems to afflict Kissinger. There is nothing valedictory in the atmosphere of this book. It seems to be envisaged by him, rightly or wrongly, as an intermediate stage in an unfinished journey.

See also Prof. Asherson's article on Kissinger on "Dombodo" in the *Weekend Magazine*.

AS SOON AS we're gone you can ring up all the foreign correspondents and tell them. You can telephone the whole world if you like.

With that throwaway remark, the KGB security police, starting the grey-haired woman they had arrested, left the cramped flat on Moscow's Kravskoy Street for the half-hour drive through the snow to Lefortovo Prison.

After several house searches and a week of close surveillance the arrest of human rights campaigner Tatiana Velikanova, 47, early this month came as no surprise to her or her family.

Coinciding with the arrest of two other dissidents in Moscow and the Baltic City of Vilnius, it has removed any lingering hopes among Soviet human rights activists that the imminence of next year's Moscow Olympics might bring a softer line from the authorities.

"They seem to be going out of their way to demonstrate that they don't care about foreign opinion at all," Miss Velikanova's son-in-law, Vladimir Keidan, remarked gloomily.

Miss Velikanova, a wiry, bespectacled grandmother, was the first important figure among Moscow dissidents to be arrested since a series of trials in the summer of 1978 which struck a severe blow at their movement.

THE TRIALS and sentencing of Yuri Orlov, Alexander Ginsburg and Anatoly Shebaransky produced a chorus of foreign condemnation, including protests from U.S. President Jimmy Carter and Western Communist parties.

But the Kremlin decided it could safely ignore the protests, correctly

Crackdown in Moscow

By JOHN MORRISON/Moscow

calculating that Western counter-measures would have little or no lasting effect.

Orlov, a physicist who was chairman of the unofficial "Helsinki" human rights monitoring group in Moscow, is now serving a seven-year labour camp sentence, to be followed by five years exile, for anti-Soviet activities.

Shebaransky, a Jewish computer programmer, is in Chistopol Prison, several hundred kilometres east of Moscow, serving a 13-year sentence for espionage.

Ginsburg, a veteran dissident, was freed in April from his eight-year labour camp sentence as part of a Soviet-American swap under which the Soviet Union released five prisoners to the U.S. in exchange for the freedom of two spies.

A YEAR AND A HALF after the trials, it seems clearer than ever that Carter's human rights policy, proclaimed vigorously when he took office, has — if anything — strengthened the Kremlin's resolve to deal with its internal critics as it thinks fit.

The "Helsinki" monitoring groups, set up in Moscow and other Soviet cities to provide unofficial scrutiny of the Kremlin's compliance with the human rights provisions of the 1975 European security accords, have been much weakened by the arrests.

Provincial groups in Georgia and Armenia no longer exist, though they survive in much reduced form in the Ukraine and Lithuania.

A recent statement from the Ukrainian group, signed by 10 people, complained of a "growing atmosphere of terror" and a determined attempt by the authorities to wipe out dissent in the Soviet Union's largest non-Russian republic.

In Moscow, the Helsinki group, which includes such figures as Mrs. Yelena Bonner, wife of Nobel Peace Prize Winner Andrei Sakharov, has continued to function more or less openly, collecting and distributing information about alleged human rights violations.

MISS VELIKANOVA, an important backstage figure on the dissident scene for the past 10 years, has been closely associated with the Helsinki group, though not formally a member.

Fears that her arrest might be part of a broader crackdown were raised by the detention in the same week of Father Gieb Yakunin, a dissident Ruzsian Orthodox priest, and Antanas Terleckas, a Lithuanian nationalist.

Yakunin, 45, who is married with three small children, first clashed in 1965 with the Orthodox church hierarchy, which operates like all Soviet religious communities under the close supervision of the state.

He is the leader of an unofficial "Christian Committee for the Defence of Believers' Right" in Moscow, which has chronicled what it terms restrictions on religion.

Terleckas, 51, is a historian and economist who served a labour camp term in the 1950s for membership of the "Lithuanian National Front" and who until his arrest was working in an unskilled job at a film studio warehouse in Vilnius.

No word has yet emerged of what charges are being prepared against the three.

But the Lithuanian Helsinki group, with which Terleckas was closely linked, said his arrest was connected with the appearance in August of an open letter calling for self-determination for the three Soviet Baltic republics, Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia.

Terleckas was among the 45 signatories of the document, which was issued to mark the 40th anniversary of secret agreements between Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union on the division of Eastern Europe into spheres of influence.

The Molotov-Ribbentrop pact paved the way for the incorporation into the Soviet Union in 1940 of the three formerly independent Baltic states.

Yakunin and Terleckas, could be said to represent three separate strands of Soviet dissent — intellectuals demanding Western-style human rights, religious believers and nationalists.

The first group, whose best-known spokesman is Academician Sakharov, is the one whose views are best known outside the Soviet Union.

But the number of potential sympathizers among the Soviet intelligentsia who are prepared to risk the loss of their careers and a possible labour camp sentence for publicly signing human rights statements is limited.

What has for the past decade or so been known as the "Democratic Movement" has also been drained of support by the emigration to Israel and the West of many of its leading lights.

Many have left reluctantly after being warned that they would be arrested if they stayed. Others have left out of a feeling of despair at the impossibility of changing anything in the Soviet Union within their lifetimes.

SOME are still serving 25-year sentences imposed before 1968, when the Stalin-era criminal code was replaced and the maximum sentence was cut to 15 years.

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The growing sympathy of the workers towards propaganda about political and civic freedoms.

Other dissidents acknowledge that their movement, while has no access to means of communication in a free and open society, has no chance at present to build a mass following.

The official line — that dissidents are paid agents of Western intelligence services or, at best, misguided cranks who need psychiatric treatment — is widely accepted by the intensely patriotic man in the street.

Centuries of Russian tradition have contributed to an atmosphere in which criticism of the government is seen as tantamount to treason.

HOW SERIOUSLY the Soviet leadership really takes the threat posed by internal criticism is a closely-guarded secret.

But it would probably be fair to assume that the existence of the Helsinki group and other human rights campaigners are seen as at worst a minor irritant to the Kremlin's foreign relations, not so much as a domestic threat.

Potentially more serious from the Communist Party leadership's point of view is the more deep-rooted religious and national dissent represented by Yakunin and Terleckas.

According to information collected by the Moscow Helsinki group, religious and nationalist dissenters fit out number human rights activists in Soviet prisons and labour camps.

The Soviet Union officially claims to have no political prisoners. Offences such as "anti-Soviet agitation," under which Ginsburg and Orlov were tried, are treated as ordinary crimes.

ACCORDING TO the Helsinki group, many prisoners are elderly members of breakaway religious sects such as Pentecostalist, Jehovah's Witnesses and Seventh Day Adventists.

Rejecting the officially-registered and obedient church hierarchies, they lead a semi-outlaw existence and even manage to print religious literature on underground presses.

Vladimir Shelkov, leader of the breakaway Adventists, was jailed at the age of 33 last March in Tashkent and is now serving a five-year sentence for anti-Soviet slander and violation of articles of the criminal code covering religion.

Many of the nationalist prisoners, whose numbers are not known, are Ukrainians and Balts who resisted the re-establishment of Soviet rule after World War II and in some cases fought as partisans against both the Germans and the Red Army.

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NOT ALL share this pessimism, however. Many human rights activists see their campaign as a moral one, rather than a form of political action aimed at specific results.

Yuri Orlov, in a statement smuggled out of his Urals labour camp last May, said the movement had achieved three things:

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A time to laugh

TELEVIEW Philip Gillon

Other planet. In this week's episode, Archie had a wonderful line. When he urges Boom Boom the barmaid to console the disconsolate Barney...

THE TUESDAY night game "Play It" at 8 p.m. has suddenly become all the rage in Israel: everybody talks to me about it...

INCIDENTALLY, "All in the Family" improved out of all recognition when Archie Bunker became a human being...

Either Yitzhak Kol must do some ruthless weeding-out of the slow-witted, or the competitors should be allowed to select their team-mates.

IT SEEMS to me that it was only the other day that I reviewed "Kobi and Mall," the remarkable drama produced by Yossi Meehalem.

IT SEEMS that we are never to get free of unpalatable American presidents: now Richard Nixon has taken over the Friday night slot.

CERTAIN stumblers, frustrated by Television House's failure to encourage indigenous talent, have found a rather curious outlet for their creative abilities.

ORLY YANIV, the talented and attractive sports commentator, has given up her large spectacles...

CRISP CONVERSATIONS

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Above: Ze'evun Hammer (left); Yosef Burg. Below: Ya'acov Levinson (left); Yigael Hurvitz.



EVEN THOSE who have strong reservations about the Begin cabinet must admit that its meetings provide good theatre — at least the dialogues leaked to the media by the players and their aides do.

Take the latest cabinet meeting and the sharp exchange over shifting Eilon Moreh. After Weizman presided for action on an earlier cabinet decision to remove the Gush Emunim group...

Phase Two of the Cabinet reshuffle has yet to be concluded with Herut, the NRP and the Democratic Movement bidding for the foreign affairs portfolio.

THE FINANCE Minister's plan to coopt financial whiz-kid Yosef Rieger as his aide has run into difficulties.

Their complaints focused on Rieger's consultancy jobs connected with capital investments, his ties with the United Mizrahi Bank Ltd., and the latter's dumping of unusually large numbers of shares onto the market.

promotion of his friends like Ya'acov Ne'eman to the post of Finance Ministry director-general, but he earned a rebuff this week from Premier Begin...

Although the farming organizations blame Sharon for taking little interest in their troubles and say that he should be renamed Minister for Settlement, he is making the best of things and is having his Jerusalem office re-decorated...

Incidentally, Likudniks are wondering whether there was a link to Shamir's non-movement to the Foreign Ministry and his sudden spurt of retroactive admiration for Ben-Gurion.

Hammer is said to have been urging Begin to shift Burg to the Foreign Ministry, arguing that anyhow he already runs the autonomy talks...

Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin and Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir are fighting over Dayan's vacant post.

Meanwhile, Weizman continues to strengthen his position, if not among Herut MKs who prefer Shamir for his undoubted maximalism...

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will be kept to a minimum, so we are assured. Eisenberg, as this column reported at the time, was introduced to President Anwar Sadat by Premier Begin just after the Beerahcha Town Hall ceremony...

Eisenberg needs no introduction (he owns two banks here and they say half of Asia). Geon is a big real estate man in Geneva and Nigeria — apart from being President of the World Sephardi Federation...

The strike weapon may have been set aside for the time being, but the Likud's profit may have been out into by untimely reminders of old Herut bully-boy tactics...

SOME OF Labour's old-timers in David Halutz's Hakhsharim have been on to their charismatic secretary, Measa Harif, accusing him of rocking the party's boat by taking part in the Beit B'er discussions...

They may be on opposing sides in the Knesset, but Labour and the NRP cooperate well in other areas, especially in local government. A recent meeting was held to discuss the parties' carving-up of the religious councils throughout the land...

The late Gershon Agron and the late Ted Lurie, the first and second editors of The Jerusalem Post, were recalled last week during the 26th anniversary meeting of staffers on the old "Zmanim" newspaper.

IT'S ALL so confusing this Egyptian oil business. At first they said that Cairo insisted on selling the black gold through firms controlled by billionaire Shaul Eisenberg...

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Mecca, Teheran and the Kremlin

MOSHE SHARON reflects on Soviet strategy and recent headline-making events, both of which indicate that U.S. foreign policy-makers "have lost touch with the political and military realities in the Middle East."



THREE RECENT events in the Middle East should have a significant influence on the U.S., on Israeli-American relations and on the free world. These are the Islamic revolution in Iran and the wave of anti-Americanism it let loose; the Mecca incident in which a Messianic group of Moslems led by a self-appointed Mahdi took over Islam's most sacred shrine, the Ka'ba; and last, but by no means least, the Soviet Union's extensive military manoeuvres in which some 10,000 airborne soldiers were transferred from Soviet territory via the Middle East to Ethiopia and back, quickly and successfully.

All three events should raise the alarm in the U.S., in Israel, in NATO. They all point to the fact that the West's vital interests in the Middle East, Africa, the Mediterranean basin and the Indian Ocean are in grave danger. One suspects that while the foreign policy-makers in the U.S. have been busily courting the Soviet Union, appeasing terrorist groups such as the PLO and other Soviet proxies, and at the same time exerting intense pressure on Israel (America's only true ally in this part of the world), they have lost touch with the political and military realities in the Middle East.

The wealthy West seems to have developed an uncontrollable fear of losing its high standard of living and the comforts of affluence. Meanwhile the Soviets, with extraordinary determination, have developed their military capability to the degree that they can, on short notice, endanger the West's energy sources.

Soviet global strategy, particularly since the beginning of the 'sixties, has been based on two major elements: first, developing a land route from their southern domains near the Black Sea to the Indian Ocean; and secondly, changing the balance of power in the oceans, which always favoured the West. In the Middle East, these two trends are closely related.

IT HAS been argued that the Soviet exodus from Egypt in 1971-1972 was part of a calculated Egyptian policy aimed at changing horses, the Rus-

sian one for an American. This is only a half-truth. Since 1967, the Russians were planning to minimise their commitments in Egypt. True, they wanted to stay there, but once they had to leave, it did not influence their strategy in the area, and in the long run their leaving proved to be to their benefit.

The wars of 1956 and 1967 proved that strategically the Suez Canal is a totally unreliable waterway: one bomb, so to speak, can block it and thus destroy the line of communication between the Russian naval power in the Black Sea and the Mediterranean, on the one hand, and that in the Indian Ocean on the other. Furthermore, in an age of nuclear-powered submarine and submarine-launched intercontinental missiles, the Mediterranean is no more than a large bath tub.

What is even more significant is that in the age of giant tankers, only a relatively small percentage of oil to the West passes through the Suez Canal, or through the now obsolete pipe line. Most of the oil from the Middle East reaches Europe and the Far East, notably Japan, via the Indian Ocean and the Cape of Good Hope. Russia has been thinking, and is still thinking, in terms of controlling both the source of energy in the Middle East and the West's lines of access to them. For this reason, Russia began re-evaluating its relations with Egypt, which proved to be a very expensive ally. The cost of supporting Egypt grew rapidly, while its overall importance in Russian strategy diminished no less rapidly.

By 1970, it became clear to the Russian strategists that they must develop to the utmost the manoeuvrability and the independence of their Indian Ocean fleet and consoli date, both politically and militarily, their hold over the land route from the Caucasus over eastern Anatolia through Syria and Iraq and the Persian Gulf to southern Arabia and the eastern

coast of Africa. While strengthening Moscow's political and military ties with the regimes in Iraq, Syria, South Yemen, Ethiopia and Mozambique, they launched a high-priority programme of creating large crack units who in times of need can be transferred over these friendly areas to any place in south-west Asia and East Africa. These airborne units, together with the Indian Ocean naval force, were to form one huge,

extremely efficient combat unit, to which the U.S. has no immediate answer.

The recent manoeuvres of this airborne force, the second known in the last two years and the largest to date, were carried out when the U.S. military might on the seas was seriously threatened. The Soviet purpose was to examine the time needed to transfer one fully equipped airborne division from Russia to the

largest Russian base in Africa (in Ethiopia) and back, using refuelling facilities in Syria, Iraq and South Yemen. The exercise proved a great success, particularly significant because NATO reportedly did not anticipate it, and because Turkey, a member of NATO, was said to have been informed by the Russians of their intent to fly over her air space and failed to forward the information to NATO headquarters. If true,

this by itself should cause the American strategists much concern.

The success of the Russian manoeuvres retroactively justifies the decision to withdraw from Egypt. To be sure, it may well be that now, with the land routes more or less secured, Russia will try to regain a foothold in Egypt, and thus widen its basis of influence in North Africa (which by now includes Libya and Algeria). However, Egypt has long been low on the Russians' list of priorities.

Strategically speaking, Russia is now in the military position of seriously endangering all the energy resources of the West in the Middle East, while its fleet in the Indian Ocean is, theoretically, in a position to control this water routes to them.

THIS BRINGS us back to the headline-making recent events. There is a connection between the growth of Russian military strength and political influence in the strategically sensitive parts of this region and the recent events in Iran and Saudi Arabia. Russian military and naval power, whether a self-sufficient fast-moving fleet or quickly activated efficient airborne divisions, has been designed to deal in this part of the world with sudden political and military changes.

The planners of the Soviet naval forces stress lightweight construction, aiming at a high degree of manoeuvrability, as well as a great firepower. These qualities are needed in a naval force whose mission is mainly to deny control of seas to the adversary. If until the Second World War the Russian navy was designed with the main aim of defending the homeland, from 1962 onwards it has been designed to cut the U.S. and NATO off from their potential allies and from their sources of energy and strategic materials.

Although few, if any, persons doubt the military potential of the U.S. — a fact that has been until now

the only deterrent to the Soviet Union — it is questionable whether the U.S. has a manoeuvrable force capable of intervening on short notice to protect American interests. Moreover, the Islamic revolution in Iran, even before the outrage in the American Embassy in Teheran, constituted a severe blow to the American strategic, political and economic interests in the area. It seriously weakened the southern flank of NATO and caught the U.S. with neither political nor military options. American strength is neither seen nor felt, which enables a certain Ayatollah, or other fanatic, to mock it before an intoxicated and blood-thirsty mob as a paper tiger.

A far more significant event was the capture of the Ka'ba by an anti-Saudi armed band. Little is known about its members. However, the event is highly significant, because it shows that the government of one of the world's major sources of oil may fall, in a flash, into the hands of anti-American fanatics. In such a case, the U.S. could not afford to repeat the Iranian mistake, for this would mean the economic strangling of the West, with or without the backing of the Soviet Union. Washington would have to take military action. The U.S. has lost most of its bases in the area and especially its invaluable base in Libya; Israel emerges as the United States' only reliable ally in the Middle East. It is thus both surprising, and strange in terms of strategy, that the U.S. is flirting with Soviet-backed provocateurs such as the PLO, who serve the Soviets either directly or through Syria and Iraq.

If the U.S. wishes to be able to retain its position as the leader of this unfortunately decadent, but still free world and wants to be able to defend its vital interests, then the U.S. should keep Israel strong, militarily and politically. Pressure on Israel to take more chances beyond the ones already taken in Sinai) before the peace treaty is fully tested and proved, may be hazardous to Israel and fatal to the interests of the U.S.

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Settlements: Legitimate policy

The media are misinforming the public about Gush Emunim, whose devotion to settlement has much to be said for it in terms of Israel's bitter experiences, writes SHMUEL KATZ.

LAST WEEK, the Egyptians celebrated the surrender by Israel of Santa Katerina in Sinai. The media in Israel reported the ceremony. Only a few newspapers, including *The Jerusalem Post* revealed that during the ceremony Egyptian soldiers distributed copies of a map of the area, which covers the territory of Israel, but does not carry the name of Israel.

The names of several towns appear — Ramla, Lod, Beersheba — and the total area is covered by the name "Palestine." The map was printed after Egypt had signed the "peace treaty" with Israel.

This is, of course, no more than a further, graphically ominous reminder of the fact that Egypt remains a party to the all-Arab conspiracy of erasing the Jewish State. A similar map shown on Egyptian television is equally innocent of any mention of Israel: it is all "Palestine."

Even a country defeated in war would at least protest against this blatant hint of intent. The government of Israel pretends it does not know. Even the few newspapers that published the news presumably found it inconceivable to trouble the public with any comment on such an uncomfortable fact.

This is only one example of the treatment in Israel of sensitive subjects. The current most concern-

trated and most persistent direct misinformation of the public by most of the media is being manifested over the issue of the "settlements." A doctoral thesis could no doubt be written on this single aspect of "Misinformation" by Omission and Commission.

Whatever criticism can be levelled at procedure and off-the-cuff remarks by judges in the Eilon Moreh case, the court is certainly not to blame for the distortion and misrepresentation to which its judgement — on the expropriation of private property — has been harnessed in this cause of propaganda against the Jewish presence in Judea and Samaria.

IT IS AN unconscionable distortion of the truth to suggest that Gush Emunim represents a small minority trying to force an unwilling government to surrender to their demands (and that these demands are an obstacle to peace, no less).

Gush Emunim is identified with the electoral majority which put the present major government parties into power in 1977. These parties undertook unequivocally, indeed passionately, to encourage and

promote Jewish settlement in all parts of Eretz Yisrael. It is this position — in parliament and outside — which is trying to press the government to renounce its undertakings; which is, in fact, trying to force upon the government and people the views of a defeated minority.

The Likud's motivation for the promised policy of settlement is first of all that Eretz Yisrael is the patrimony of the Jewish people (and not of the Arab people which, in any case, has total and sovereign possession of three-quarters of its territory — east of the Jordan), and that the essential security of the Jewish State requires control of the whole country down to the Jordan.

Most of the members of Gush Emunim — and other recent settlers in Samaria — are couples with young families who have voluntarily undertaken the burden in this generation of the principle of "settling Eretz Yisrael." Most of the settlers are Orthodox, and believe in the biblical promise which is the original spiritual inspiration of the nearly 4,000-year continuous attachment of the Jewish people to the Land of Israel — the attachment which brought all of us, Orthodox and free-thinking as I'm here, (it is typical of a certain school of "trembling Israelites," who would not dare dream that there was anything wrong with the Christian orthodox fundamentalism of, for example, Mr. Jimmy Carter, that they mock and jeer at the Jewish religious outlook to be found in Gush Emunim or in the National Religious Party.

The attachment of the people to the land, unique in the history of mankind, was the inspiration and the official source of international recognition at the end of World War I of the right of the Jewish people to "reconstitute" its homeland in Palestine. The mockers and the jeerers thus display also a large ignorance of recent Jewish political history.

AS FOR the position taken by the leaders of the official Alignment Opposition, this is hypocrisy. They do

know their history, and they are perfectly aware that no sane responsible Israel policy can surrender the control of security over any area west of the Jordan.

They, unlike some of their more woolly-headed followers, have not forgotten the onslaughts designed to annihilate Israel in 1948 and 1967, nor presumably the recurrent and unrelenting Arab threats since then. Hence, indeed, their reiterated insistence that the Jordan must be Israel's security border.

While in power they built in the Jordan Valley, and in southern Judea, precisely what the Likud promised, and what Gush Emunim and other settlers are trying to build, in Samaria and the remainder of Judea.

When the Alignment was voted out of office, its doctrine was democratically — and automatically — replaced by the Likud doctrine. This doctrine, while also laying down that there must be security control of the whole area, insisted that it must be exerted positively by a Jewish presence throughout the area, in Samaria no less than in the Jordan Valley; and reminded that Arab hostility to a Jewish presence is no weaker in the Jordan Valley than on the heights of Samaria.

THE CLASH between Gush Emunim and the government resulted from the failure of the Likud, once in office, to carry out its undertakings. It began to drag its feet in August, 1977. The inspiration for this backsliding came from the then Foreign Minister, Mr. Dayan. The sad story of his influence will no doubt become public knowledge in the near future.

The settlers, leaving their usually comfortable homes and going to live in the barren rocky territory of the Samaritan mountains, fatuously described by tendentious propaganda as "densely populated," were let down time after time by the prime minister who had legitimately promised "many Eilon Morehs." It was only on the ruins of one broken promise after another that, inch by inch, the villages were established. To this day — 30 months after the

Likud Government took office — not a single stone building has been put up in the Gush yishuvim.

The persistence — and the unbelievable hardness — of these settlers is in the famous tradition of Jewish pioneering in this country.

This writer does not share their Orthodoxy, and would no doubt find himself at odds with them on many of the practical issues of the day; but it is they who are in the forefront of the struggle for the strengthening of the Jewish presence in Western Palestine.

That is the issue. The many-pronged campaign conducted by the U.S. Administration against the establishment of a Jewish presence in Judea, Samaria and Gaza is not new. The Alignment governments experienced its thrust from previous American administrations. It is a central, sophisticated element in Washington's strategy of squeezing

Israel back into the pre-1967 lines. That compression of Israel is the Arab prescription for facilitating the final thrust — which would make a reality of the map as shown on Egyptian television and distributed last week at the celebration at Santa Katerina.

THAT IS the issue. The sophisticated American propagandists have naturally disseminated the idea that precisely Jewish settlements are an obstacle to peace. Neither they nor the Israelis who parrot the idea are able to explain why. Why, for example, the only wars that have been fought in Judea and Samaria were forced upon Israel when she was confined within the partition borders — when there was no Jewish presence in Judea and Samaria.

Jordan did not venture to intervene in the War of Attrition of 1969-1970. More spectacularly, in the Yom Kippur War, with Israel in dire straits on both northern and southern fronts, Jordan did not move. Even in those circumstances, the Jewish presence in Judea and Samaria was sufficient to prevent war in Western Palestine.

This is the Israel experience. It

continues to guide the Arabs' doctrine: the final assault, the next attempt at annihilation, can be launched feasibly only when Israel has been reduced at least to the 1967 lines. Jewish absence from Judea and Samaria means war; and whoever opposes Jewish settlement there is helping undermine one of the essential elements of any hope of peace for Israel.

THE PEOPLE of Eilon Moreh are naturally bitter at the ineptitude and the deviousness, and the fumbling and bumbling, of the government which has inflicted years-long suffering on them. But now the government has made them a firm offer — in the hearing of the whole people — to provide them with an alternative, suitable site. They should accept the offer at once, and indeed prod the government to hasten its consummation.

They must realize that it is urgent to deal with the central issue; hastening the adoption by the government of the practical measures necessary to implement a comprehensive settlement scheme in keeping with its historic policy, with its election promises, and with the pronouncements by the Knesset since 1948 on the legitimacy of the Israeli presence throughout Eretz Yisrael.

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THE LESSON OF FINLAND

By ALEXANDER ZVIELLI / Jerusalem Post Staff



A Finnish soldier sets his sights on the advancing Soviets.

A SMALL COUNTRY, brutally attacked by a great power, beats back the aggression and changed the course of history. The history of the Russo-Finnish war, which started exactly 40 years ago, holds lessons that still deserve to be pondered.

It was on November 30, 1939, that the Red Army started hostilities against Finland, seeking to gain by force what it was unable to achieve by political pressure. The Red Army stormed Finnish positions along the 1,900-kilometre-long border and Helsinki was bombed from the air. The Soviet Union chose to disregard the Finnish pledge of neutrality and brazenly violated the Finnish-Soviet non-aggression treaty of January 12, 1932.

The invasion was carried out with the complicity of Nazi Germany. Under the secret terms of the Russo-German agreements, signed on August 23, 1939, and September 29, 1939, Finland was included in the Soviet sphere of interest.

Having lost no time in subjugating Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia, Stalin felt free to put a squeeze on Finland.

On October 2, 1939, Ambassador J.K. Paasikivi, then Finland's envoy to Sweden, who had been one of the signatories to the 1921 peace treaty with Russia, was invited to head a delegation for talks in Moscow during which he was presented with a long list of Soviet demands. The Finns expressed their readiness to accept most of the Russian conditions. They refused, however, the demand to lease to the Russians the port of Hanko, situated at the entrance to the Finnish gulf, as a future Soviet army base.

The surrender of this strategic base would have sealed Finland off from the Western world and would have meant the practical end of Finnish independence.

The negotiations broke down. On November 28, 1939, Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov denounced the Soviet-Finnish non-aggression pact, and the war broke out two days later.

equipped with skis and warm clothing. They were superbly trained in winter and forest warfare. They were also well-fortified, their main line of defence running across the strategically important Karelian Isthmus - the Mannerheim line.

Few observers, however, had an opportunity to take note of what really went on behind the Russian lines. The Russian troops, most of them recruited in Leningrad region, were not strangers to winter, many being well-acquainted with Arctic conditions. What the Russians lacked was enthusiasm, dedication and motivation in what they considered to be a pointless and unnecessary war.

THIS WAS the first real combat for the Red Army since the revolution of 1917. The Finnish campaign did not resemble the Soviet walk-over of the Crumbling Polish armed forces in September, but did resemble in more than one respect the Russo-Japanese war of 1905 and the first week of the German invasion in June, 1941.

In both campaigns, it soon became obvious that Russian troops lacked the enthusiasm to fight and die for a cause with which they were unable to identify.

The Finnish soldiers were quick, mobile, imaginative, always ready to take advantage of an opportunity, always on a lookout for a weak spot in the massive Soviet columns

pushing through the endless forests of northern Finland. The Finns invented - and used with enormous success - the "Molotov Cocktail" to stop Soviet armour.

The Red Army soldiers were well disciplined but quite unimaginative, unwilling to make the extra effort that makes the difference between victory and defeat.

The Soviet troops moved ahead only where the Finns permitted them to penetrate. Once Soviet troops succeeded in reaching a certain depth they were attacked at the flanks and their lines of communications were cut off.

The faulty planning and disorganization which plagued Soviet agriculture, industry and economy found a parallel in the army.

During December, the Red Army made limited progress. Stalin was furious. He demanded an immediate victory and put his chosen NKVD troops in action - at the rear. Hundreds of Red Army officers were arrested. Whole units were disbanded and withdrawn. The NKVD political officers worked overtime.

The arrested soldiers and officers complained bitterly: often, after a successful attack, they were unable to hold their newly won positions because of faulty ammunition and a lack of reinforcements and other supplies.

In spite of widespread arrests, the following month brought no change

at the front. Far behind the line, in Soviet hospitals, NKVD prisons and in transit camps, the well-guarded secret about the lack of progress in the battle became public knowledge. It was simply impossible to hide all those wounded and disabled soldiers, many suffering from severe frost-bite.

The penal labour camps, like the one in which I was incarcerated as a "political," were filled with former commanders, all bitter about their fate.

The Soviet army high command, heavily purged during the pre-war years, found it almost impossible to break the Finnish resistance.

IN FEBRUARY, the Soviet high command embarked on an entirely new strategy. The attacks in the north stopped almost entirely. The Red Army concentrated all its force in the south in an attempt to break through the Karelian Isthmus. The world celebrated prematurely the Finnish victory.

Finland by this time was exhausted and appealed for help. But the foreign assistance was inadequate. Both France and Britain complained that Norway and Sweden refused them transit rights. And there were far too few volunteers to sustain the exhausted Finnish force.

The days grew longer and the Finnish cities became increasingly

vulnerable to Russian bombers. Both sides were ready for an end to the fighting.

On March 12, 1940, an armistice was finally signed, but not before the reorganized massive Soviet force, assisted by thousands of heavy guns, finally broke through the Finnish positions in the Karelian Isthmus.

Russels received everything it wanted. But having gained the foothold, it continued pressing for further concessions. Throughout the battles, Finnish Jews had fought bravely with the army, refusing to remain in the territory which had been evacuated.

THE SOVIET debacle was observed and noted with great interest by Hitler. The Nazi leader, who had vowed that he would not become involved in war on two fronts, became certain that Russia was vulnerable and, so decided to act accordingly. This was his greatest mistake.

Thus it was the Finns' resistance that provoked the German attack on Russia, the creation of the great alliance and, ultimately, the Allied victory.

Hitler's mistake was to believe that the soldiers who fought so poorly against Finland would do no better when defending their homeland.

On July 3, 1941 - 12 days after the outbreak of the German-Russian war - Stalin changed his tactics. He renounced all his former policies and appealed to Russians to defend their homeland.

The same disgraced soldiers became heroes. Hundreds of Soviet officers were released from prison camps and placed either in special units or under supervision in special commands. Stalin restored Tsarist officer rankings, allowed religious services and imbued the Red Army with dedication and motivation.

IT WAS FINLAND which now found itself in a difficult position. Having been cut off from the West after the German conquest of Norway and the penetration of Leningrad, it jumped at the opportunity of restoring the lost territories and aligned itself to Germany.

The Finns regained their lost territories, but they refused to join the Wehrmacht in its attack on Leningrad or the Murmansk railway. They also refused to surrender their Jews to the Germans and sent their Jewish refugees to Sweden.

Finally, however, the highly motivated Russians, who had seen the Nazi murder and destruction, broke through the Finnish lines and pushed them back across the Karelian Isthmus.

As a matter of fact, Finland lost their war twice. It was forced to pay high reparations and accept some harsh Soviet conditions. But unlike the other East European countries occupied by the victorious Russians, Finland was not forced into satellite status. It was allowed to keep its way of life and political independence by pledging to maintain neutrality between the super-powers.

Finland's heroic resistance, it might be argued, paid off, after all. The peace treaty with the Allies was signed in Paris on February 10, 1947.

referring to all non-fruit-bearing trees, of which the cedar is the most majestic.

Similarly in our daily prayers also we read "the field and all that is therein will rejoice, then will exult all the trees of the forest" (I Chron. 16.32). Thus again both fruit trees (which in the Bible are called "trees of the field") and humble vegetables, and all non-fruit-bearing trees ("all the trees of the forest") join in their exultant praise to God.

The Midrash takes a more prosaic view of the "speech of the trees" and confines it to those not producing fruit. It bases itself on the fact that the fruit-bearing trees, loaded as they are with fruit, do not rustle as much as the non-fruit-bearing ones. The Midrash says, "They said to the fruit trees, 'Why is your voice not heard?' And they answered haughtily, 'There is no need for us to advertise ourselves. Our fruit speaks for us.' And they asked the non-fruit-bearing trees, 'What is the purpose of your idle chatter?' And they replied, 'Who would otherwise take notice of us?'

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TWO WEEKS ago this column was devoted to the meanings of the word *sach*, which means "tree" or "shrub" or "speech." I quoted the lovely Midrash given by Rashi on the first appearance of this word in the Bible (Gen. 2.5) that "the tree appeared to be holding converse with one another," a reference to their rustling in the wind.

What, however, is the nature of that speech?

I referred to the verbal form of the word, *la-sach*, applied to Isaac who went forth *la-sach* in the field. The rabbis take *la-sach* to mean to meditate, i.e. speaking to God, prayer. This meaning is definitely confirmed by the Biblical verse "I

Speech of trees

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will pour forth my *sach* before Him" (Psalm 142:3).

Prayerful speech of the trees, indeed of all Nature giving forth its praise to the Creator, is deeply attested to in the Bible. In Psalm 148.8 there is mention of "the fruit trees and all the cedars" praising God. As David Kimchi points out, the word "cedars" is to be taken as

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A game of favours

By KEVIN RAFFERTY
New Delhi

PICKING CANDIDATES is big business in an Indian general election. Officially each candidate is allowed to spend up to \$4,000. In practice it takes up to \$80,000 to contest a parliamentary seat.

That means candidates have to find backers — and the backers usually want something in return. Shady practices are given a thin legal covering by a regulation that the parties can spend as much as they like, and party accounts are not open to audit or inspection.

Illegally made "black money" floods in, particularly from large companies seeking to protect themselves from the much "democratic interest" in their activities.

But attempts to influence are not confined to Indian nationals. Since the election campaign began, the rupee has been rising on international money markets. One inference is that foreigners are buying rupees to contribute to the cause of suitably amenable candidates.

At one point in Zurich recently, the

free exchange rate for the protected rupee was better than the official rate.

"Zurich is widely used by the Soviet Union," says a senior Indian official. "For a self-professed socialist country, the Russians have a free-wheeling capitalist way of working the markets."

He says Indians would not be buying rupees abroad as "there are enough Indians at home who would provide rupees in exchange for dollars abroad. The rise in the rupee reflects foreign interest."

AMONG these aspiring to the favour of former prime minister Indira Gandhi is a university vice-chancellor whom she imprisoned for 17 months during her emergency rule.

The election is now less than two months away, and no one is quite sure how some of the leading politicians will pick their allies. Much speculation surrounds Jagjivan Ram, the 71-year-old head of the Janata Party.



Indira Gandhi

He was upset with some of the choices of candidate by the Hindu nationalists who form part of the Janata coalition. The row was patched up, but not without many column inches suggesting that Ram might go over to Mrs. Gandhi, whom he once served as a minister.

The suggestion now is that he will obtain as many seats as possible in the general election and will then bargain with Mrs. Gandhi for the prime ministership, which he covets. The noda and winks passing between them now are really for after the election.

Doubt also surrounds H.N. Bahuguna, who was finance minister until a few weeks ago. He and his Congress for Democracy Party are casting around for new allies and he may go back to Mrs. Gandhi's camp if she will allow him the prospect of winning mere seats.

Mrs. Gandhi herself has attracted hostility because of the key role she has allotted to her controversial son Sanjay in the selection of candidates. (Observer Foreign News Service)

IF THE FUNDITIS have guessed correctly, a right-wing "Democratic Alliance" (AD) will be swept to power in Sunday's Portuguese election.

According to the latest opinion poll published in the last week of the campaign, the Social Democrat Party (PSD), the Christian Democrat Party (CDS) and the Popular Monarchist Party (PPM) who make up AD, are now comfortably ahead of their nearest rivals, the Socialists.

Thus, if the predictions hold true, the mood of the country has changed to such an extent that the Portuguese are prepared to accept a dramatic roll-back of the political and economic changes that have taken place in Portugal since the 1974 revolution.

Most AD officials are beaming with confidence. "I am quite amazed with the extraordinary response we have encountered over the past two weeks," said an AD militant.

The three leaders of AD — Francisco de Carriero, of the PSD, Diego Freitas de Amaral, of CDS, and Guilherme Ribeiro Telles, of PPM — have made sure that no part of the country has been left untouched by their whistle-stop tours and mass meetings.

In contrast to Portugal's previous election, when right-wing parties were reluctant to step outside their traditional strongholds in the north, AD has been concentrating on areas hitherto dominated by the left.

Last week, AD leaders visited the industrial belt of Setubal and Evora in the Alentejo, both Communist strongholds and areas where AD militants have been beaten up in previous days.

Said Helena Roseta, one of Portugal's leading women politicians and the AD candidate for Setubal: "The people who supported the revolution have lost hope. There is now a desperate urge for change." The Alliance needs a swing of

Portugal set for swing to right

By JIMMY BURNS/Lisbon

about 4 per cent away from the Socialists to elect 196 deputies. This would give AD a majority in the 200-seat assembly.

The election in 1976 was won by the Socialists with 35 per cent of the vote. The PSD and CDS won 24 per cent and 18 per cent of the vote respectively, but in 1976 the parties had not yet formed a coalition.

THE IDEA of "firm government," which AD is fighting on, is an attractive one for a country that has been wracked by political instability during the five years since the revolution.

During this period, Portugal has lived through one military coup, two attempted military coups, six provisional governments, five constitutional governments and has been ruled by a non-party "caretaker" government.

The growing unpopularity of the "caretaker" government and the parties' failure to come up with an alternative led to President Ramalho Eanes's decision on a snap election.

On the economic front, the Alliance is exploiting to the full the growing popular unrest with the rising cost of living and the general stagnation of the economy. Portugal has a 25 per cent inflation rate and its 13 per cent unemployment is the highest in Europe.

PSD leader, Francisco de Carriero, is the man who would be

appointed prime minister if AD wins a majority. He said this week that AD did not represent the reactionary "bracket" of the past, but rather radical change for the future.

The AD leader wants to redeem the purchasing power of the individual through rationalising the spendthrift state sector. Whether this message has succeeded in getting through to the Portuguese in the same way as Britain's Margaret Thatcher's did in the recent British election will be tested on Sunday.

THE SOCIALIST PARTY has devoted most of its campaign to challenging the AD's democratic credentials. "The moderate element in AD is simply the Trojan Horse within which the old dictatorship is making its comeback," said one Socialist official.

There appears to be at least some element of truth in this view. Many AD candidates collaborated openly with the old regime. This image is not helped by the public support for AD declared recently by the Movement for National Reconstruction (MNRN), Portugal's small Fascist Party, which is not contesting the election.

Financial backing for AD is com-

ing less from its more obvious allies within the Spanish UCD and British Conservative parties but rather from exiled industrialists who monopolized the Portuguese economy before the revolution.

Helena Roseta, who regards herself as a firm social democrat admitted that she has found it difficult to control some of her militants during the campaign. "There are people who go too far too soon," she says. Her leader, de Carriero, seems confident that he will be able to control the extremists if he wins the election.

"International opinion thinks that Portugal has already got democracy, but only if we win the next election will there be true democracy," he said.

EA. CARNEIRO rejects the view, also put forward by the Socialists, that victory for the Alliance would unleash a period of social conflict verging on civil war.

Defeat for the Socialist Party will mean the gradual emergence of the Portuguese Communist Party as the party of the left, and de Carriero sees no danger in this.

He believes that there is a significant sector within the Communist Party that is seeking its future in long-term parliamentary gains. Latest opinion polls already suggest that the Communists will greatly increase their 14 per cent share of the vote.

de Carriero was in a moderate mood this week, confident that AD's call for radical change accurately reflected the mood of the country. Yet it is the threat of extremism that could give voters cold feet and pollsters a last-minute surprise. (Observer Foreign News Service)

Good, bad, worse

MUSIC REVIEWS

A SCHUMANN EVENING with Aris Varadil, piano, and the Israel Quartet (Tel Aviv, November 24). Kinderszenen; String Quartet Op. 41, No. 3; Piano Quintet Op. 54.

THERE were three different levels of performance: the Kinderszenen, the quartet and the quintet. Vardi gave us a most beautiful reading of Schumann's musical poetry. He played with all his usual delicacy and elegance to which he added depth and imagination.

The quartet was simply bad. True, the work is a hard nut to crack. It poses two main problems: intonation and rhythmic accuracy. Both, regrettably, were inadequately tackled. There was a pretty large amount of had intonation coming from the strings and the intricate and interwoven rhythms were characterized by insecurity and shakiness.

The performance of the quintet was slightly better, though it never matched in any way the magnificence of the Schumann. Vardi was the only source of enjoyment while the strings merely laboured hard.

HOLON CHAMBER ORCHESTRA, Shalom Bealy-Bikla, conductor; Uri Shoham, flauto; Yehuda Levin, violin; November 24. Gabriel's Oboe for Strings; Vivaldi; Concerto for Flute in F minor; Mozart; Andante for Flute in C, K. 315; Adagio and Fugue in G minor, K. 466; Villa-Lobos; Bachianas Brasileiras No. 8.

THE CONCERT started off well with a competent performance of the Canzone. Its musical effect being brought out by response and dialogue between separate groups of players positioned in different places in the hall.

The attraction of the evening was the appearance of the soloist. Displaying his technical abilities, musicianship and wide range of interests, Uri Shoham played, by turns the lively Vivaldi Concerto with its coloratura passages and dramatic contrast between the Tutti and the

Solo sections. This was followed by the pleasing Andante by Mozart, which was rendered with pleasant tone, feeling and elegance.

The second part of the programme had to be conducted by another conductor, the conductor of the orchestra, Mosart's Fugue, previously written for two pianos (K. 426), encompasses the composer's knowledge of counterpoint acquired in the main from Bach, just as the Villa-Lobos work is an attempt to evoke the spirit of Bach in Brazilian terms. The performance of the Mozart, sounded musical with the orchestra responding to the conductor's guidance.

The ending of the lesser-known Bachianas Brasileiras, was played with musical enjoyment and gusto.

CARMEN OR, piano recital (Tel Aviv, November 29). Bach: Prelude and Fugue in B-flat major from "The Well-Tempered Clavier, Book I"; Beethoven: Variations Op. 24 in F major; Sonata in F minor "Appassionata," Op. 57; Alastair Bruce; Chopin: Sonata No. 3 in B-flat major, Op. 2.

DURING the last two years Miss Or's powers of interpretation have developed remarkably. She now sees the grand design and deeper meaning behind a notation and beyond the keys of her instrument.

However, Bach's Prelude and Fugue were tentatively romanticized, and Beethoven's Variations Op. 24 still did not relay a very substantial message. On the other hand, Beethoven's "Appassionata" left an imprint of strong personal involvement and powerful drive. Furthermore, Beethoven's message came across clearly and with a genuine feeling of identification.

Yardena Aloth's Suite is an unpretentious but extremely effective piano work in which dissonance becomes a delightful means of communication. Miss Or gave the piece exactly the kind of instrumental and musical attire it needed to prove its potency.

BENJAMIN BAE-AM

HURVITZ: MANPOWER CUTS

(Continued from page 1)

impose his rehabilitation plan on El Al, will the airline's activities continue to be interrupted sporadically by wildcat strikes, as in the past?

Though anxious to avoid saying anything that might exacerbate the imminent negotiations, Hurvitz answered the question "If El Al in all its sections agrees to a cut of 5,000 jobs," he said, "I don't think the workers will walk out over trifling issues afterwards. I think they will have got the message."

What if other sectors of the economy oppose the austerity plans? Histadrut Secretary-General Yehoram Meshel says that the labor federation's ill-fated emergency strike was not cancelled, just postponed.

"Had the strike taken place as planned (on Tuesday), I believe that more than half the labour force would have abstained. Look who refused to join in — the Dead Sea Works, Israel Aircraft Industries, the staff of the Kupat Holim hospitals, the 'non-specifics' among the government employees (40,000 in number, or two-thirds of the civil service)."

"Most of the public seem to approve of the economy measures introduced, painful though they are." (His advisers told The Post after the interview that Hurvitz has not finished with these measures yet. New announcements can be expected "not in a matter of months, but in a matter of weeks," they said.)

In the economic squeeze penalizing wage-earners more than the well-to-do?

He looked as if he had heard that one before. "We are inflicting four hard burdens on the owners of capital," he stated. "We have frozen credit, that hits many undertakings hard. We have stopped subsidizing. We have slapped a 30 per cent deposit on imports, which hits the trading community — who are not a weak group."

"Finally, and here I must issue a warning to the public: we plan to toughen and 'deepen' our tax collection."

Will he increase the levy on high incomes?

"I hope we won't have to. Confiscatory tax rates lower productivity and encourage tax evasion. I don't want to 'stop people' from making money; if we introduced such a regime, we would end up with a

country of social welfare cases.

"What I want is to extract all the tax that is due at existing rates. There is plenty of money around today; we want to get at it."

Is he not apprehensive of popular opposition to emergency measures?

"I have no pills against fear. Let me say this. I didn't run from one party headquarter to another asking to be finance minister. I laid down conditions before accepting the post. The cabinet agreed to my conditions, and still wanted me to take over the Treasury."

I have their support and the prime minister's support. They all backed me. Subsidies were dismantled on food and capital — and not a word of it was leaked to the press."

What if exporters do not expand their activities on a scale sufficient to absorb the numerous work-seekers each year, now that entry to the civil service is frozen?

Hurvitz nodded his head several times, as though to say, that's the last thing you need to worry about. "Exports will increase, I promise you that. Their credit has not been cut."

Organizational measures are under way to facilitate expansion (including retraining schemes) — but no financial aid is in sight yet. The subject, however, is under discussion. The minister's advisers (again) reminded me that Hurvitz promised a three-month halt, during which the chief objective is to leech inflation. After that, attention will be concentrated on improving the balance of payments.

Hurvitz sums up: "The graph of inflation will start turning down five months from now. I won't say by how much, because making predictions is hard. The aim is to reduce the rate of inflation substantially, to narrow the trade gap substantially, to reduce the proportion of the labour force in the public service, and to lay hand on 'free capital.'"

The next election?

"I'm not thinking about them. I've closed my mind to the subject. The next couple of years will not be easy for the nation; but then, I don't seek popularity," he confessed.

As he ushered me out, others (from the Defence Ministry, it seemed) were waiting in the anteroom. "Come on — come in, come in, there's no time to waste," I heard the minister say busily.

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Money Matters

Short-lived share rally runs out of steam

Stocks & bonds—the market report

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
Post Finance Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The mid-week share rally yesterday gave all signs of running out of steam. Financial shares continued to move ahead, but other sectors turned mainly mixed.

Trading turnover of ILS.1m. was slightly ahead of previous sessions. Many observers expressed disappointment at the market's inability to carry through with the rally which showed promise of regaining some of the sharp losses suffered during the last two weeks.

The index-linked bond market, for the most part, was unchanged. The "double-option" bonds, however, were in demand and rose by as much as 2 per cent. Trading activity picked up and stood at ILS.87m.

The Israel pound showed its mettle by advancing one agora against the U.S. dollar.

The commercial bank shares showed above-average gains. The shares of the First International Bank of Israel, as well as the debentures, did not trade yesterday as the board of directors announced an interim 8 per cent cash dividend on top of the 7 per cent previously paid.

Leumi set the pace in the group with a gain of 5 points, reflecting a rise of nearly 1 per cent. IDB and Hapoalim were the

beneficiaries of four-point gains. Union Bank and General Bank advanced by three, and Mizrahi picked up two points. Mortgage bank stocks were mostly higher, but the gains were relatively small. The Tefahot group of shares were somewhat lower as easterly selling dropped prices.

Insurance issues were moderately higher. Arayah picked up 13 points to 515, but Ararat ILS eased by five points to 183.

Service and utility stocks were mixed. Delek bearer shares, in an apparent continued reaction to a dividend announcement, gained slightly more than 4 per cent.

Israel Electric, at 230, reflected a loss of nearly 8 per cent.

Lighterage IL was "sellers only" and was lowered to 914. The ILS shares were 31 points lower at 403.

Land development and real estate shares were mixed. Pri Or was 5 per cent higher while Mehadrin gained nearly 7 per cent. Sois Boneh "A" and "C" were by almost 5 per cent.

Among industrial shares, the Ata group was under selling pressure. The public has been reacting to reports that the company will be curtailing activities and releasing employees. The Ata "C" shares were "sellers only" while the options fell by as much as 8.5 per cent.

Lodzia ILS was down by 10 points to 188.5. American Israeli Paper Mills were lower by nearly 7 per cent. Frutarom was off by a full 6 per cent to 126.5. Little Arad appreciated by more than 7 per cent to 228.

Israel Petrochemicals eased by 4.5 points, or nearly 5 per cent.

Investment company equities were variously mixed with some wide price swings.

Elgar (b) gained 34 points to 677. Amisear was nearly 14 per cent ahead at 88. Wolfson IIL (r) was 5 per cent lower, but Export (b) advanced by 5.5 per cent and Clal Real Estate was rocked for an 8 per cent loss.

Clal Industries dropped 14 points to 240, but Or Investments jumped by 15 points to 303.

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Kille	218.0	41.0	+3.0
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Arad	338.0	8.0	+2.0
Foigat "A"	409.0	20.0	n.c.
Foigat "B"	395.0	73.0	n.c.
Foigat opt.	105.0	12.0	n.c.
Polygon	260.0	119.1	+6.0
Rim 4	225.0	107.5	n.c.
Rim 4	260.0	16.0	+10.0
Shemen b	111.0	18.8	n.c.
Tal r	148.5	41.7	n.c.
Tal b	178.0	1.0	n.c.
Investment & Holding Companies	236.5	134.0	-3.0
Elgar b	627.0	8.0	n.c.
Elgar r	677.0	1.3	+3.0
Elkern b	700.0	1.0	+3.0
Elkern r	700.0	2.0	+0.0
Amisear	88.0	1.0	+0.0
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Central Trade	1285.0	0.4	-20.0
Inv. of Pas r	280.0	21.9	n.c.
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Wolfson 10 r	4238.0	28.0	-12.0
Wolfson 10 b	4238.0	74.1	-8.0
Asmp	429.0	19.0	+10.0
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Jordan Explo. opt. 3	82.5	16.2	-2.5
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Hanuta opt. "A"	90.5	6.5	+0.0
Hanuta 1978 deb. 1	3064.0	2.0	n.c.
Export Inv. b	4249.0	8.0	+38.0
Koor Ind.	3980.0	6.1	-20.0
Clal Rl. Est. opt. "A"	110.0	232.0	-10.0
Clal Rl. Est. opt. "B"	350.0	105.5	n.c.
Clal Rl. Est. opt. "C"	350.0	348.3	n.c.
Clal Rl. Est. 20% deb 1	110.5	61.3	n.c.
Clal	480.0	41.4	n.c.
Clal Ind.	240.0	280.0	-14.0
Clal Ind. a.s. opt.	573.0	3.0	n.c.
Clal Ind. opt. cert.	282.5	89.3	-12.0
Clal Ind. 20% deb 5	219.0	36.0	n.c.
Lendeco	141.0	185.0	n.c.
Or Inv.	303.0	98.0	+18.0
Or Inv. 1978 deb.	348.0	21.8	+10.0
Pama Inv.	302.0	1.0	n.c.
Plyon Inv.	111.5	110.0	-3.0
Plyon Inv. opt. 9	—	—	—
Sharav Invest. Co.	—	—	—
Foreign Currency	—	—	—
Adanim	522.0	—	—
Agricultural pref. "C"	326.0	—	—
Ind. Dev. pref. "B"	3890.0	—	—
Ind. Dev. pref. "C"	825.0	n.c.	+47.0
Ind. Dev. "CC"	554.0	n.c.	+28.0
Ind. Dev. "CC"	566.0	137.2	+32.0
Ind. Dev. "D"	583.0	n.c.	+0.0
Cash	107.0	—	n.c.
Tourist Ind.	405.0	—	n.c.
Unico "A" r	135.0	8.8	+2.0
Unico "A" b	142.0	7.3	+2.0
Fuel	343.0	5.0	17.2
Napadisa	360.0	1.2	18.7
Lapidot r	750.0	—	—
Lapidot b	750.0	—	—

Representative bond prices

Bond	Price	Change
6.8% Defence loan	1317.0	n.c.
70 (Ayin)	1350.0	+15.0
78 (Ayin Heh)	1273.0	-1.0
81 (Peh Aleph)	1382.0	n.c.
86 (Thadi)	—	—
4% Gov't development	—	—
Group 1. Yield:	0.22	—
3001	1020.6	+3.3
3007	939.1	+3.2
Group 6. Yield:	0.40	—
3010	914.3	n.c.
3013	927.7	n.c.
Group 6. Yield:	+0.63	—
3020	1.0	n.c.
3023	671.2	n.c.
Group 7. Yield:	+0.60	—
3027	666.1	n.c.
3032	580.3	n.c.
Defence loan 88	—	—
0 (Tel)	—	—
44 (Mem Dates)	332.0	-10.0
4% Gov't (80% Co-L)	+1.30	—
Group 22. Yield:	450.0	n.c.
3101	19.0	+10.0
3106	415.2	+1.5
Group 24. Yield:	322.2	+1.1
3202	1.1	n.c.
3206	312.1	n.c.
Group 44. Yield:	304.5	n.c.
3210	250.9	n.c.
3213	—	—
4% Gov't (80% Co-L)	+1.65	—
Group 52. Yield:	286.1	n.c.
3201	250.5	n.c.
3205	207.1	n.c.
7% Gov't (80% Co-L)	+1.75	—
Group 62. Yield:	249.2	n.c.
3222	230.0	n.c.
3228	2.04	n.c.
Group 66. Yield:	103.0	n.c.
3334	173.5	n.c.
3341	—	—
Group 68. Yield:	170.9	n.c.
3546	161.6	n.c.
3551	—	—
Group 70. Yield:	145.5	n.c.
3554	142.1	n.c.
3557	—	—
Gov't double-option Saked	256.3	n.c.
3001	207.1	+1.1
3010	151.1	+2.4
3033	—	—
Dollar denominated bonds	98.3	n.c.
Hollis 15	89.3	+1.0
Hollis 20	—	—
7% Gen'l Mig. 43	—	—
7% Tefahot 10	—	—
7% Clal Investment 2	—	—
7% Unico	—	—
8.5% Wolfson	—	—
8.7% denominated bonds	—	—
8% Bank Yead 38	—	—
8.5% Minumim 5	—	—
3% Menin 8	—	—
Bonds 100% linked to foreign currency	129.0	—
3.5% Gov't 8028	—	—
0% Lar. Electric Corp. B	821.0	+4.0
5% Deed Sea Works	—	—
Bonds 75% linked to foreign currency	173.0	n.c.
8033	—	—

New York Stock Exchange

Closing prices - Nov. 29

Dow Jones Industrial Average: 831.91, up 1.45

Volume: 28,810,000

Stock	Change
Allied Chemist	48 1/2
Amco	20 1/2
AT&T	49
Boring	44 1/2
Burroughs	50 1/2
Bell & Howell	20 1/2
Bally Manufacturing	32 1/2
Beaumont & Lomb	35 1/2
Control Data	53 1/2
Curtis Wright	17 1/2
Dow Chemical	32 1/2
Eastman Kodak	45 1/2
Ford Motor	41 1/2
General Dynamics	54 1/2
Gulf & Western	37
Holiday Inns	17 1/2
Honeywell	38 1/2
Hilton Hotels	31
IBM	65 1/2
Lockheed	24 1/2
Loch Ind.	35 1/2
LTV	7 1/2
McDonnell Douglas	29 1/2
Merrill Lynch	19 1/2
MGM	21 1/2
Motrola	18 1/2
NCR	65
Natam	30 1/2
National Semiconductor	29 1/2
Occidental Petroleum	23 1/2
Penn Central	21 1/2
Pan American Airways	5 1/2
Polaroid	26 1/2
RCA	23 1/2
Revlon	46 1/2
Raytheon	62 1/2
Sears Roebuck	15 1/2
Spray Rand	49 1/2
SynTex	21 1/2
American Tel & Tel	54 1/2
Telex	4 1/2
Teletype	133
Zenith Laboratories	24
UAL	21 1/2
Union Carbide	39 1/2
UN Industries	29
Western Union	18 1/2
Westinghouse Electric	22 1/2
U.S. Steel	17 1/2
Xerox	63 1/2
Exxon	56 1/2
Zenith Radio	9 1/2
American Stock Exchange	6 1/2
American Israel Paper Mills	51 1/2
Elz Lavud	5 1/2
Houston Oil and Minerals	20 1/2
OTC List	—
Eisotim	51 1/2
IDB Ordinary	—
IDB Pfd	—

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Closing prices on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

Company	Closing price	Volume	Change
Commercial Banks & Banking Co's	2030.0	9.0	+15.0
I.D.B. pref.	640.0	398.4	+4.0
I.D.B. opt. 4	640.0	2.0	+4.0
I.D.B. opt. "A"	544.0	186.0	n.c.
I.D.B. opt. 4	776.0	302.0	n.c.
I.D.B. opt. 5	433.0	21.7	n.c.
I.D.B. opt. 6	655.0	465.4	n.c.
I.D.B. opt. 8	53.4	8.4	+3.0
Union	800.0	8.0	n.c.
Union opt. 3	362.0	60.0	+0.0
Union opt. 4	162.0	90.5	n.c.
Union 18% s.a.	204.0	2.0	n.c.
Union 18% s.a. 5	122.0	124.3	n.c.
Discount	511.0	1.9	+5.0
Discount "A"	308.0	—	+3.0
Discount "A" 5% s.a.	327.0	87.8	+1.0
Mizrahi r	364.0	278.8	+2.0
Mizrahi b	364.0	417.1	+3.0
Mizrahi opt. 1	1030.0	10.0	+10.0
Mizrahi opt. 2	847.0	35.9	+15.0
Mizrahi opt. 3	625.0	54.9	+2.0
Mizrahi opt. 4	815.0	77.4	n.c.
Mizrahi 15% s.a. 2	695.0	—	—
Mizrahi 20% s.a. 4	314.0	30.0	n.c.
Mizrahi 18% s.a. 5	278.0	14.4	n.c.
Mizrahi 18% s.a. 6	218.0	21.0	n.c.
Mizrahi s.a. 7	193.0	32.2	+2.0
Hapoalim pref.	755.0	5.0	n.c.
Hapoalim r	674.0	618.8	+4.0
Hapoalim opt. 1	674.0	382.4	+4.0
Hapoalim 10% div.	665.0	4.0	n.c.
Hapoalim opt. 3	1390.0	1.0	+25.0
Hapoalim opt. 4	630.0	35.3	+25.0
Hapoalim opt. 5	640.0	36.0	+14.0
Hapoalim opt. 7	355.0	241.5	+7.0
Hapoalim 18% s.a. 1	700.0	208.0	+2.0
Hapoalim 18% s.a. 2	296.0	208.0	+2.0
Hapoalim 18% s.a. 3	214.0	142.2	+2.0
Hapoalim opt. 9	565.0	323.2	+10.0
General	164.0	19.3	+3.0
General 18% s.a. 4	190.0	28.5	+3.0
Leumi	351.0	1,236.0	+1.0
Leumi opt. 1	1285.0	—	+15.0
Leumi opt. 2	710.0	1,102.5	+10.0
Leumi opt. 3	314.0	747.0	+5.0
Leumi opt. 4	183.0	24.0	+2.0
Leumi 18% s.a. 6	183.0	24.0	+2.0
Leumi 18% s.a. 7	203.0	33.4	+2.0
O.H.E. r	498.0	8.9	+6.0
O.H.E. b	800.0	0.0	+8.0
International 8% s.a. 1	—	—	—
F.I.B.L.	—	—	—
Mortgage Banks	423.0	51.9	+2.0
Gen'l Mig. r	420.0	—	+1.0
Gen'l Mig. opt. 114	200.0	12.5	+1.0
Gen'l Mig. opt. 117	200.0	—	+2.0
Gen'l Mig. 18% deb. 116	127.0	111.0	n.c.
Carmel r	124.0	80.0	n.c.
Carmel opt. "A"	163.0	4.0	n.c.
Carmel opt. "B"	41.0	85.0	-3.0
Carmel 18% deb. 10	47.0	73.1	-3.0
Morig. & Inv.	281.0	—	—
Dev. & Mig. r	178.0	37.6	n.c.
Dev. & Mig. opt. 88	231.0	28.0	+2.0
Dev. & Mig. opt. 89	153.0	38.0	+2.0
Dev. & Mig. 18% deb. 87	104.0	15.0	+1.0
Dev. & Mig. 18% deb. 94	13.946	—	—
Housing Mig. b	385.0	224.0	+1.0
Housing Mig. r	375.0	200.0	+1.0

Company	Closing price	Volume	Change
Housing Mig. opt. 1	388.0	10.0	+2.0
Housing Mig. opt. 2	308.0	4.0	+2.0
Tefahot pref. r	2020.0	37.7	+1.0
Tefahot pref. b	2190.0	2.0	+2.0
Tefahot opt.	4187.0	157.2	-1.0
Tefahot b	4196.0	100.4	-2.0
Merav	320.0	7.0	+2.0
Merav opt. 1	233.0	68.0	+2.0
Specialized Financial Institutions	—	—	—
Shilton r	69.5	—	-2.5
Shilton b	74.0	5.0	n.c.
Shilton opt. "A"	45.0	19.2	-2.0
Shilton opt. "B"	55.0	20.0	+0.0
Shilton 18% deb. 1	56.0	13.0	-3.0
Shilton 18% deb. 2	59.0	29.0	n.c.

CRACKS IN THE CHARISMA

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Streamlining the army

DEFENCE MINISTER Ezer Weizman has done the seemingly impossible: he has convinced the generals — after first persuading himself — of the urgent need to reorganize Israel's ground forces in order to raise their efficiency.

Aluf Israel Tal's proposals to this effect have been under intermittent discussion for over 18 months now. Despite the almost universal acknowledgement that they were, in their overall thrust, both salutary and necessary, all attempts to have them formally adopted were stonewalled by the upper military echelons from chief-of-staff down. Rav-Aluf Rafael Eitan, who has now given his public endorsement to the scheme, albeit with some reservations, himself initially opposed the Tal idea for the establishment of a unified command for the ground forces. Like his predecessor, Rav-Aluf Mordechai Gur, he had it frozen. The reason for their resistance was simple enough. The establishment of a separate command responsible for building and training the ground forces, and the articulation of their doctrine, detracts from the centrality of the chief-of-staff's command in the day-to-day operation of the army.

Both Gur and Eitan also openly complained that if the proposed new command were actually set up, it would mean that in time of war the chief-of-staff would be required to lead armed forces he himself had only a marginal role in building and training.

These were, and are, legitimate arguments. So too is the claim that the creation of a new military bureaucracy may draw away already scarce field officers from the frontlines to the "nine-to-five" world of general headquarters. There remains, however, the overriding necessity of streamlining, at long last, a military machine that has grown, especially during the past six years, far too big for its original conception.

Mr. Weizman has played his cards carefully, and he is to be complimented on the tactful way in which he pushed — without actually bulldozing — the proposals through. He used the year-and-a-half since the submission of the Tal recommendations to discuss them with the key military men affected by them, arguing the logic of and need for the proposals. His patient handling of the matter was doubtless the key factor in his success.

The scheme of reorganization that is to be put into effect by next March falls somewhat short of the original Tal Plan. It allows for the establishment of a unified ground force command, but not for any changes in the structure of the general staff, as was first envisioned. Plainly Mr. Weizman did not overcome all resistance to the plan, and in the end he settled for what was feasible at this time.

Thanks are also due to Aluf (Res.) Tal who, by agreeing to go back into uniform to translate his proposals into action, has again shown the courage of his convictions.

Protecting crime victims

A COUNTRY'S IMAGE as a respecter of the rules of law is closely bound up with its treatment of and attitude towards persons suspected of having committed criminal offences. It is no coincidence, therefore, that the English rules of criminal procedure afford the utmost protection for the accused. Israel, which adopted these rules almost in toto, can also be justly proud of its enlightened and progressive law governing procedure in criminal court cases.

There comes a time, however, when the rights of the innocent victims of crime and the right of the public to be protected against crime must take precedence even over the undeniable right of the accused to be treated justly and fairly.

When violence becomes the order of the day, and when the suffering of victims of violence is compounded by intimidation and threats against their lives and those of their families — if they should dare to come to court to testify against the perpetrators of that violence — then the time has surely come to change at least one of our rules of criminal procedure: the rule which states that only testimony which is given in court is admissible as evidence against an accused.

Under a proposed new amendment to the rules now in force, statements made to the police will be admitted as evidence against the accused if they are subsequently denied or contradicted in court as a result of threats and intimidation.

There have been some doubts expressed by the legal profession as to the amount of reliance which can be placed on such statements, because of the fear that they might have been extracted by force. These are legitimate doubts, but they should not be allowed to stand in the way of accepting the principle behind the proposed amendment.

What should be sought is a water-tight method of determining that the statements to the police were made freely and willingly — which could be taken for granted when it is the victims themselves who make the statements but might require satisfactory substantiation when the statements have been made by co-offenders turned state witnesses.

There should be no difficulty about leaving it to the courts to decide whether a contested statement was made freely or not, just as, in the final analysis, it would also be left to the courts to decide whether police statements in general should be admitted in evidence.

IN A RECENT poll conducted by associates of Ezer Weizman, the defence minister comes out far ahead of Shimon Peres as the man favoured to be Israel's next prime minister. Whether this reflects confidence in Weizman, or a lack of confidence in the leader of the opposition is an open question.

But what makes the findings interesting is that Weizman's popularity seems to be totally unrelated to the very low showing of the Likud as a whole in a series of polls conducted recently (28 seats against 52 for the Alignment), and Weizman's own performance of late, which even his closest advisors and friends have defined as a "masterpiece of mismanagement."

Weizman has always been a political enigma. His mercurial character gives one the initial impression of shallowness and boresomeness. But on examining his political record these past two years, one sees a stability that no other minister can claim.

HIS PERCEPTIONS of the peace process were formulated very early in the negotiations and he refused to change them, eventually bringing the entire cabinet round to his way of thinking. He has been the main critic of unauthorized settlement, arguing that the country's future must not be decided by pressure groups, but by national planning. He has stood by Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Rafael Eitan through very difficult periods, even when this was not politically expedient. He has fought to keep defence spending down (and in real terms this year's defence budget is 20 per cent less than it was in 1977), despite the friction this caused with the general staff. And he has remained loyal to Herut, even though he has very little ideological affinity in common with colleagues such as Haim Landau, or Menahem Begin himself for that matter, and despite the lack of political logic in tying his personal popularity and political ambitions to the falling star of the Likud.

One senses, however, that Weizman's flexibility of political purpose is not the reason for his good showings in the polls, nor indeed indicative of the public's perception of the man. It would be far more accurate, one would guess, to say that the man in the street sees Weizman as a stable, petulant and quick on the draw, an image Weizman has never been able

to shake. It is an image which has left many asking if this man is qualified to be the country's next prime minister. His highly publicized slamming of doors, pulling down of peace posters and at least half-a-dozen threats to resign from the cabinet have all overshadowed the very solid adherence to principles and policy he has demonstrated since the Likud's rise to power.

His recent handling of the Shab'a affair — a mess from start to finish that has cost Israel plenty both in its relations with the world and with the inhabitants of the administered territories — has underlined questions about his ability; while his very unfortunate public statement that Israel had operational suggestions for the Americans on how to extricate the hostages from the Tehran embassy provided his critics with more evidence that he simply does not think deeply enough before opening his mouth.

AND YET, Weizman strides ahead in the polls, enjoying a lead of some 30 per cent over Shimon Peres in response to the question "Whom would you vote for to be the next



...with Shimon Peres

Post Military Correspondent HIRSH GOODMAN ponders why an enigmatic and occasionally erratic Defence Minister Ezer Weizman ranks so high in public favour as a possible premier.



...a low profile

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Less damaging but just as serious was Weizman's loose talk on how Israel had a plan which could help the U.S. extricate the hostages in Iran. If there was such a plan it would have been wiser not to tell the Americans about it via the radio; and if the statement was designed to tell the Americans that Israel was a more stable ally than the unpredictable Arabs, it was a poor way of getting the message across.

He has made other mistakes as well, such as trying to push through Aluf Israel Tal's plan for the reorganization of the army without first gaining the support and understanding of the General Staff for his effort, instead of allowing many of the country's senior officers to hear about his decision through the media.

Will this all affect his standing at the polls? One tends to think not. Weizman somehow manages to retain his popularity while being guilty of actions which would have finished other politicians. But that image of not being serious continues to hover over him like an omnipresent nemesis and will take on added importance when being considered by the voter.

THE MINISTER'S mistakes this past month have come after a long period of appearing in the public's eye only for such regal events as his trip to Egypt as guest of General Ali, or to save the oil talks from collapsing by using his personal influence with President Sadat. The clock cannot be turned back, but Weizman is fortunate that the public's memory is short and selective, and that by the time the next elections come around Shab'a will be a forgotten phantom of the past, and Weizman's statement about Iran will be filed away with others, just as preposterous, he has made in the past.

It seems a contradiction that the shadows should be the best place for a politician aspiring to be the next prime minister, but in Weizman's case logic cannot always be applied. There is no doubt that the less Ezer Weizman appears in the public eye, the more his image is enhanced. A strange but true political phenomenon for a man who is an unusual politician.

prime minister?" To Labour, the poll indicates that it cannot rely on the Likud's unpopularity to bring them back into power, regardless of whom they place on their list for the next elections, and that it would make a lot of sense for them to find a modus vivendi with Weizman if they expect a victory whenever elections come about.

It would make equal sense for Weizman to break away from the narrow confines of his party, and to place himself at the centre of a new coalition, bearing the liberal and moderate values he has fought so hard for these past two years.

Chances are, however, that neither the Labour Party nor Weizman will find the courage to break away from yesterday and to build a better tomorrow. Instead the next election will be fought on conventional grounds by the conventional leadership within the conventional political frameworks, allowing for yet another four years of government by the minority playing off the weaknesses of a fragmented coalition through effective pressure.

Weizman himself has kept a low profile in defining his political

future. Things are far from clear for him personally, regardless of the good news from the polls.

There are three basic possibilities he now has to contend with: that the government will fall due to its dwindling majority in the Knesset and the growing disagreement in the coalition; that he will be forced to resign by some governmental action he considers totally against his principles, such as an open surrender to Gush Shmuni; or that the government will last out its remaining two years — a possibility key Likud insiders consider the most probable.

For Weizman now to start striking alliances either within the coalition or with the opposition would be to tread on delicate ground indeed. On the other hand, not to make political alliances now may be interpreted as naivety and lack of foresight — both undesirable qualities in a future prime minister.

THE PAST MONTH has been possibly the worst for Weizman in terms of performance. The Shab'a affair was appallingly handled from the start, with each successive decision by the minister worse than the

one that preceded it, culminating in an imbroglio that was both unnecessary and extremely damaging to Israel.

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READERS' LETTERS

ABORTION AND THE NATIONAL DEATH-WISH

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — News reports from Israel these days mostly make dismal reading. But as a national death-wish with catastrophic consequences, the newspaper rival your editorial (November 2) in support of the pro-abortion lobby, duly followed by success in the Knesset.

Ten years ago, I was told by the Israel Medical Association that there were then at least 40,000 abortions annually (most of them obviously performed for non-medical reasons). By now, the number is reliably estimated to be well in excess of 60,000 — a staggering rate, probably the highest in the world.

Since the establishment of the State, therefore, this annual mass-slaughter of the unborn may have reduced Israel's population by 50 per cent or more. If the dictates of Jewish ethics on abortion (not to mention contraception) had been respected, Israel might now have four or five million Jews, not three million. The difference is not only in the number of Jews, but in the quality of life. Indeed, no external peril poses as grave a threat to Israel's survival as this unconscionable decimation of her human resources. With the Arab birth-rate inside Israel twice as high as the Jewish, no demographer is needed to decipher the writing on the wall.

The elimination of many tens of thousands of potential Israeli Jews every year also makes a mockery of all our Aliya campaigns. Aliya could at best add but a small fraction of that number to Israel's dangerously sparse population, and that at a cost — in transportation, absorption and problems of adjustment — far higher than raising the extra number of young Israeli-born citizens. Yet, there is not a single word on this national disaster in your editorial.

Instead, it advocates pity for "the unwanted children" by arranging them. Unwanted, one might ask, by whom? Perhaps by you and the vociferous abortionists. But certainly not unwanted by the nation, or by most parents to whom every child, once it is born, is an infinitely precious blessing, whatever the sacrifice, and least of all by the children themselves who treasure life, whether they were "wanted" or not before they were conceived.

Your claim that "the arguments in favour of the amendment... do not sound one bit more convincing... than when they are laid down from on high by Pope John Paul" is as preposterous as it is offensive in a Jewish newspaper. Apart from the fundamental difference between the Jewish and Catholic attitudes on abortion (only the latter banning it absolutely even for medical reasons), the comparison could hardly be wider of the mark. The Pope's teaching is addressed largely to overcrowded countries. The Jewish people faces many problems, but population explosion is not one of them. The top item on our national agenda is population shrinkage. This surely makes the Jewish argument against abortion virtually on demand at least "a bit more convincing."

If I have nevertheless urged the Aguda, and its Council of Sages, not to abandon the Coalition over this issue, it is not because I doubt its supreme importance from every point of view, religious and moral as well as national. Rather, scandalous as the present law legalising rampant abortions is, I do not believe that legislation by itself will provide the answer. I agree with you that the amendment would, sadly, not make much practical difference. Even before the law was liberalised three years ago and abortions for social

reasons were illegal, there were thousands of violations without any prosecutions.

The ultimate solution to this as to so many other social problems afflicting our people lies in cultivating a religious conscience through our faith in the spiritual treasures of our faith. Where this prevails, parents cheerfully raise large and happy families, blessed with children who are generally immune to the scourges of crime and vice as to the erosion of assimilation, who preserve their dignity even in physical deprivation, and who assure Jewish survival by heeding Rachel's timeless cry "Give me children, or else I die!"

DR. IMMANUEL JAKOBOVITS, Chief Rabbi, London.

THE SPCA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I refer to the recent Kolbotek programme on the SPCA matter. It is easy to find fault with the Tel Aviv animal shelter, situated in an unpleasant vicinity of Jaffa, which has to fight uncounted obstacles to ensure its very existence. Within its scarce means and lack of cooperation from the authorities, it does its best to keep the animals in its care well and in good condition.

If Kolbotek's sharp criticism has any purpose, it should be that of allocating the animal shelter a suitable place and granting it the necessary means to improve conditions.

Those who know the difficulties of the shelter have nothing but praise for the dedication and hard work of the staff.

RUTH FREUND, Jerusalem.

SHORT-SIGHTED POLICY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The members of the Tourist Committee have read in your issue of October 19 the suggestion of the Knesset Finance Committee that Israel Government Tourist Offices outside Israel should be closed and joined with El Al or other commercial offices. We read with incredulity that Mr. Menahem Savidor doubts whether the Offices serve any useful purpose.

This Zionist Federation Tourist Committee works in close contact with the London Israel Government Tourist Office and knows their extensive and influential work in the field of tourism from the United Kingdom to Israel. The dramatic increase of tourism in recent years is due in no small part to the efforts of the Israel Government Tourist Office. Does the Knesset Finance Committee know of the close liaison which the Israel Government Tourist Office has established with tour operators, organisations, tour leaders, journalists and the media?

The work of the Israel Government Tourist Office in London has resulted in the active promotion of holidays in Israel by leading British travel companies such as Thompson, Horizon, OSL, Enterprise, Cosmos and many more which cater to a British population of 56 million and previously had no links with Israel tourism.

If the Israel Government Tourist Office were to transfer its office to El Al or any other commercial office, it would severely limit its independence and freedom to negotiate in this lucrative field.

We appreciate the budgeting problems of the Financial Committee, but would urge that, in the matter of the London tourist office, the expenditure is more than justified by the dynamic results. In the last two years, Great Britain

showed the greatest increase of tourism to Israel of any country. We trust that the Knesset Committee will reconsider the matter in the light of the facts outlined here. Any cut-back to the activities of the Israel Government Tourist Office in Great Britain would be a short-sighted step damaging to the Israel tourist industry.

ALFRED A. FRANKLIN, Chairman, Zionist Federation Tourist Committee of Great Britain and N Ireland, London.

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